The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.

RE V1 V2 V3 V4

Partly sunny 87/73 • Tomorrow: Heavy t-storms 88/71

Democracy Dies in Darkness

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 · $4

Canada trade fight could cost the GOP

It feeds into Democratic arguments that Trump is destabilizing the economy

BY **GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER AND PRAVEENA SOMASUNDARAM**

The collapse of a trade deal between the United States and Canada over the weekend, followed by President Donald Trump's announcement Monday that he would impose even more tariffs on Canadian goods, added a new shock to midterm elections already dominated by price concerns.

States that depend on international trade, including Maine, Michigan and Iowa, are among those at the forefront of the midterm battleground map.

Some Republicans in those states have urged Trump to pull back, including Sen. Susan Collins (Maine), who is locked in a tight reelection battle. "Imposing new tariffs on Canada is a mistake," Collins said on C-SPAN on Monday. "I want us to go back to the very friendly economically beneficial relationship that we have with our Canadian neigh-

SEE **TRADE** ON **A14**

Trade war: Canada announces retaliatory tariffs on U.S. **A14**

2 deaths tied to measles reported in Pennsylvania

BY **LENA H. SUN AND RACHEL ROUBEIN**

Two Pennsylvania residents have died after contracting measles, the first such deaths in the state in 35 years and the first reported in the United States this year. The deaths prompted Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) to sharply confront the nation's health secretary over federal vaccine messaging that he said is confusing and harmful.

Both the people who died were residents of Lancaster County. https://images.mobilism.org/?dm=DRXUIHZJ The Pennsylvania Health Department declined to release their ages or other information, citing the privacy of the people and their families.

Pennsylvania has confirmed 393 measles cases in 28 counties this year, including 86 in the past week. Nearly half of the cases are in Lancaster County, authorities said. Seventy people, nearly 20 percent of those infected, have been hospitalized, Shapiro said, and every confirmed case has occurred in someone who was not fully vaccinated.

"We hope and we pray that

SEE **MEASLES** ON **A6**

DOLLY PARTON 1946-2026

Country music legend and cultural icon

ROBERT MORA/GETTY IMAGES

Dolly Parton performs at the House of Blues in California in 2002.

With her rhinestones and blond bouffant, she carved out a singular place in American life as a musician, movie star, philanthropist and unexpected feminist heroine

BY **EMILY LANGER**

In a life described as taking her from "rags to rhinestones," Dolly Parton and her blond bouffant — that mountain of hair even taller, it sometimes seemed, than the Tennessee foothills where she first strummed a guitar — carved out a singular place in American life.

Like almost everything about Dolly, as she was universally known, that place was big — big enough to contain her devotees in the country music world, the Appalachian poor who saw their lives reflected in the lyrics of her thousands of original songs, the working women she cheered on in the 1980 Hollywood comedy "9 to 5" and the children she reached through her Imagination Library literacy program. A centerpiece of her wide-ranging philanthropy, the initiative has provided more than 300 million free books to young readers around the world.

Ms. Parton, 80, died Tuesday in Nashville. A statement from Parton's publicist said she "died peacefully," though a cause of death was not given.

When she died, Ms. Parton was

SEE **PARTON** ON **A8**

Beijing bristles at new Iran sanctions

U.S. CAMPAIGN AIMS TO ISOLATE TEHRAN

But China is top trading partner, risking a flare-up

BY **CATE CADELL**

China sharply condemned the sweeping new sanctions campaign against Iran and its trading partners announced by the United States, vowing retaliation against measures that would target countries doing business with Tehran.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Monday that President Donald Trump is contacting unspecified world leaders as part of an effort to "economically asphyxiate" Iran's economy and force an "endgame" to the drawn-out conflict in the Middle East.

China is Iran's top trading partner, and the newly announced U.S. economic pressure campaign risks a flare-up in relations just as Trump has sought to ease tensions and secure a broader economic deal with Beijing.

A Treasury list released Monday includes more than a dozen small Chinese and Hong Kong firms, most linked to shipping and supply chains, suggesting Washington's opening salvo includes targeting illicit shipments to Iran without directly hitting major Chinese refineries or banks.

Still, the move rankled Beijing, which in recent months has sent envoys to Washington to lay the groundwork for a meeting be-

SEE **CHINA** ON **A11**

Kennedy Center's finances fell off cliff

Ticket revenue and fundraising plummeted after Trump name change

BY **JONATHAN EDWARDS**

Ticket sales and fundraising collapsed after President Donald Trump's name was added to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, even as the center's leaders publicly touted a financial turnaround, according to confidential documents obtained by The Washington Post.

Ticket sales had already dropped in the 10 months following Trump's takeover, but both ticket sales and donations plunged after the Trump-led board of trustees voted in December to rename the center after him and put his name on the front of the building, according to the records.

The documents show that leaders knew both were cratering even as they publicly portrayed Trump's takeover as a financial rescue. In a failed June request to keep Trump's name on the building, for instance, a Justice Department lawyer wrote that renaming the center after Trump "represented a saving of The

SEE **KENNEDY CENTER** ON **A2**

Colleges are scaling back Black studies departments, majors and classes

Schools cite low enrollment, budget issues and state laws

BY **TODD WALLACK**

U.S. colleges are increasingly slashing their African American studies and related programs, citing low enrollment and limited funding, at a time when the federal government is exerting intense pressure to end racial diversity efforts.

Some academics blame politics, pointing out that Republicans and the Trump administration have taken aim at scholarships, admissions policies and other efforts to boost diversity. At least a dozen schools, including private colleges and public flagship universities, have scaled back Black, African or African American studies programs since Trump signed an executive order targeting diversity, equity and inclusion programs, a Washington Post review found.

"Politics is the engine, not a factor," said Jafari Sinclaire Allen, director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University.

Allen, whose institute has surveyed colleagues around the country, says the cuts are so deep that they could damage the pipeline for important research and training for new scholars for years to come.

"They are not cutting at the fringe," said Allen, who is also a professor of African American and African diaspora studies at Columbia. "They are striking the foundations."

Universities that have closed or merged African American studies units over the past two years include the University of Iowa, the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Kansas.

Others have eliminated or begun phasing out majors and degrees, including Kennesaw State University, the University of Toledo and Indiana University at Bloomington. Several colleges

SEE **COLLEGES** ON **A7**

IN THE NEWS

Farmers face new crisis President Donald Trump's tariffs and his war with Iran have driven up the cost of fertilizer, fuel and machinery. A3

Primary runoffs For coverage of Tuesday's contests in Oklahoma and South Carolina, go to washingtonpost.com.

THE NATION

Federal officials plan to revoke certain visas for people who have since sought asylum. A4

A FEMA crew broke the law by skipping homes with Trump signs, watchdog says. A4

THE WORLD

China is angling for a geopolitical advantage from Trump's trade war with Canada. A10

CIA Director John Ratcliffe made a rare, unannounced visit to Moscow on Tuesday. A11

THE ECONOMY

Target has apologized for a Halloween costume likened to minstrel imagery. The kid looked like a miniature Sambo-style caricature, Michelle Singletary writes. A13

Oil prices fell again, easing worries in the markets. A13

STYLE

A YouTube series with the transportation secretary is well-made, but it's about the Duffys, not the nation. B1

SPORTS

At least 1 in 4 former NFL players who died in recent years suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy. B7

THE REGION

A rare blue tree frog has drawn dozens of naturalists and hobby photographers to a Virginia park. B13

FOOD

The Tomatini cocktail captures the essence of summer with its intensely flavorful taste and bright color.

BUSINESS NEWS........................A13
COMICS..B4
OBITUARIES..............................B17
OPINION PAGES........................A15
TELEVISION.................................B6
WORLD NEWS...........................A10

CONTENT © 2026
The Washington Post

Year 149, No. 54685

The Washington Post

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY
For home delivery comments or concerns contact us at *washingtonpost.com/subscriberservices* or send us an email at *homedelivery@washpost.com* or call 202-334-6100 or 800-477-4679

TO SUBSCRIBE
202-334-6100

TO ADVERTISE
washingtonpost.com/mediakit
Classified: 202-334-6200
Display: 202-334-7642

MAIN PHONE NUMBER
202-334-6000

TO REACH THE NEWSROOM
Metro: 202-334-7300; *metro@washpost.com*
National: 202-334-7410; *national@washpost.com*
Business: 202-334-7320; *business@washpost.com*
Sports: 202-334-7350; *sports@washpost.com*
Style: 202-334-7535; *style@washpost.com*

TO REACH THE OPINION PAGES
Letters to the editor: *letters@washpost.com or call 202-334-9876*
Opinion: *oped@washpost.com*

Published daily (ISSN 0190-8286).
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Washington Post, 1301 K St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071.
Periodicals postage paid in Washington, D.C., and additional mailing office.

CORRECTION

- An Aug. 23 sports article and headline about the death of Bills defense tackle Ed Oliver's son gave an incorrect age for the late son because of incorrect information from police in Harris County, Texas. Ed Oliver III was 1, not 2.

The Washington Post is committed to correcting errors that appear in the newspaper. Those interested in contacting the paper for that purpose can:
Email: *corrections@washpost.com*.
Call: 202-334-6000, and ask to be connected to the desk involved — National, Foreign, Metro, Style, Sports, Business or any of the weekly sections.

Download The Washington Post app

Stay informed with award-winning national and international news, PLUS complete local news coverage of the D.C. metro area. Create customized news alerts, save articles for offline reading in My Post, browse the daily print edition and scroll through the For You tab to find stories that interest you. Free to download on the App Store and Play Store, subscribers enjoy unlimited access.

Venue's revenue plummeted even as leaders touted a turnaround

KENNEDY CENTER FROM **A1**

Kennedy Center which, if this doesn't happen, would go into financial and structural collapse" — even suggesting in a new filing Monday that without Trump's name and renovation plan, the building "will be required to be taken down."

Just the week before the June filing, the center's own financial projections showed ticket revenue and fundraising had plummeted after the name change, putting it on track to fall nearly $100 million short of its revenue target.

The records — internal budgets, management forecasts, board minutes and financial presentations — provide the first comprehensive accounting of the center's financial deterioration in the year and a half since Trump replaced dozens of board members with allies and installed himself as chairman. Even after slashing expenses, center officials projected earned revenue this fiscal year to miss its budget target by 70 percent and contributed revenue to fall 25 percent short. The revenue miss was projected to leave the center with a $23 million deficit.

"The center took a huge hit when the takeover happened," and then appeared to stabilize, according to an official familiar with the center's financial situation. But after the name change, "it was just an absolute fiscal cliff. Donors disappeared, ticket sales disappeared, artists disappeared — like it was doomsday."

Andrew Taylor, director of American University's arts management program, who reviewed the documents at The Post's request, described the declines as "a nosedive."

Trump's takeover "had a consequence," Taylor said, "and the consequence was a catastrophic drop in revenue."

In response to detailed questions from The Post, a Kennedy Center spokesperson blamed the center's financial problems on its previous leadership, saying it inherited years of financial mismanagement. Putting Trump's name on the building attracted new donors and helped raise money for renovations, the spokesperson said, adding that a proposed fiscal 2027 budget is balanced. The center did not dispute The Post's account of its internal fiscal 2026 projections.

The center is months late to releasing its independently audited financial statements for its first fiscal year under Trump's leadership, which should include definitive data about its financial condition through the first months of the takeover.

Promising a turnaround

Upon taking control of the Kennedy Center, Trump and his allies said they had inherited a troubled institution.

They accused the previous leadership of spending too much on unpopular programming, running persistent deficits and obscuring its financial condition, which past leaders denied. Trump promised to remake the institution, while Richard Grenell, the ally he installed to lead the center, repeatedly argued that the new administration was imposing fiscal discipline.

Grenell defended deep staff cuts as prudent and said the center had raised $117 million from donors. He told the Washington Examiner in November that every department had been instructed that its shows needed to break even: "If you can't sell enough seats, you find a donor." Corporations, he said, were "writing checks because they trust us not to turn every show into a political statement."

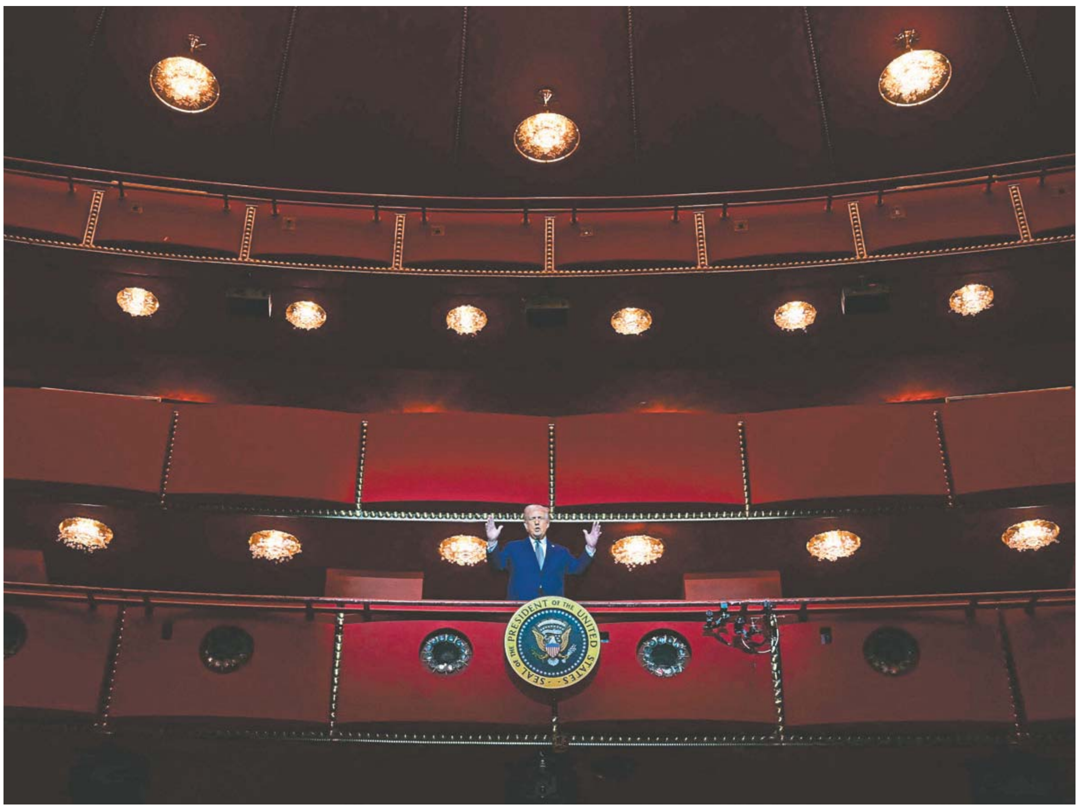
The White House on Monday defended Trump's stewardship of the center by citing his renovation plans but did not directly address questions about this year's drop in revenue.

"President Trump did what Democrats wouldn't by finally committing the resources and the leadership needed to restore the Kennedy Center and make it the finest performing arts facility in the world," spokeswoman Liz Huston said in an email.

Leaders also credited Trump with securing $257 million from Congress for repairs last year, an enormous amount relative to the center's usual federal appropriation.

The center's board has gone further. In a resolution this month supporting another effort to install Trump's name on the building, trustees argued that the Kennedy Center "would be in financial ruin" without the president's "unique stature as both an unparalleled fundraiser and world-class developer."

But the internal projections told a different story.



JIM WATSON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump stands in the presidential box at the Kennedy Center in 2025.

CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Trump speaks to reporters alongside Richard Grenell, then president of the Kennedy Center, in 2025.

The center had budgeted about $220 million in revenue for fiscal 2026, which began in October and ends Sept. 30. By late May, officials projected it would bring in only about $124 million.

Officials cut projected expenses by roughly a third, but even that was not enough: The center still projected a $23 million deficit.

The cuts involved slashing staff and programs, which the center has described in court filings as a logical part of the board's decision to close for repairs.

Industry experts described a chicken-or-the-egg dynamic, saying cuts can be a reasonable response to falling revenue but can also hollow out the staff and programming an organization depends on to generate future income.

Karen Gahl-Mills, director of the Indiana University arts administration program who reviewed the financial records for The Post, said the documents showed that some of the decline in spending simply reflected a smaller institution.

"They're smaller than they were," she said.

Taylor said the financial problems were striking in light of what the center's board appeared to be focused on. During their March board meeting, Trump and the other trustees talked almost entirely about the building, renovations and aesthetic details without addressing the artistic performances that happen inside before voting to close the center for two years, according to minutes of the meeting.

"The conversation is really about real estate development," Taylor said, adding: "It's almost nothing about programming in that meeting, except for how we're going to wind down programming when we shut down."

The center defended the planned renovation as a way to improve its finances, saying it would produce a projected $3.4 million surplus. An alternative, involving rolling closures throughout the building over four years, would produce a projected deficit of about $78 million, the spokesperson said.

Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio), one of the few trustees not appointed by Trump, has challenged the board's actions in federal court, arguing that in voting to close for two years, its majority has put the president's interests ahead of its responsibility to the center's duty to bring performing arts programming to the public.

Ticket buyers and donors retreat

Audiences began retreating soon after Trump took control of the center, but the confidential documents show revenue troubles became far more severe in fiscal 2026, which covers the bulk of the first programming season under new leadership, the name change and the attempted closure.

The Post previously reported that ticket sales dropped by half in the week after Trump announced his takeover in February 2025. By that fall, ticket buyers were spending less at the center than during any comparable period since 2018 except the pandemic, and subscriptions were down sharply. At the time, current and former employees attributed the decline to an audience boycott over the politicization of the center.

By June, officials were reviewing an annotated line chart that showed quarterly ticket sales over several years: a recovery from the pandemic, a drop after the board overhaul and a precipitous fall after the name change.

At the same time, the center had downsized its fundraising operation as donations faltered. One internal report said fundraising at the beginning of this year contrasted sharply with the months before the name change. Pledges fell by more than 100 percent because of "adjustments and write-offs," according to the report — an unusual figure that Taylor said may reflect older pledges that donors withdrew or that the center determined it was unlikely to collect.

The simultaneous decline in audiences and philanthropy can be particularly damaging for performing arts organizations because the two sources of revenue are closely connected: Many ticket buyers are also donors.

Together, the losses in audiences and donors helped leave the center projecting nearly $100 million less in total revenue than it had anticipated — a decline experts said went far beyond the broader financial pressures facing cultural institutions.

An outlier

Preliminary fiscal 2025 data compiled by SMU DataArts, an arts research center at Southern Methodist University, shows a far different picture across the cultural sector. Large cultural organizations generally remained financially stable, ending the year with modest surpluses even as some experienced declines in ticket sales and philanthropy.

Jennifer Benoit-Bryan, executive director of SMU DataArts, said the Kennedy Center's trajectory was "remarkably different" from the broader pattern, with severe reductions in both earned and contributed income and a sizable deficit.

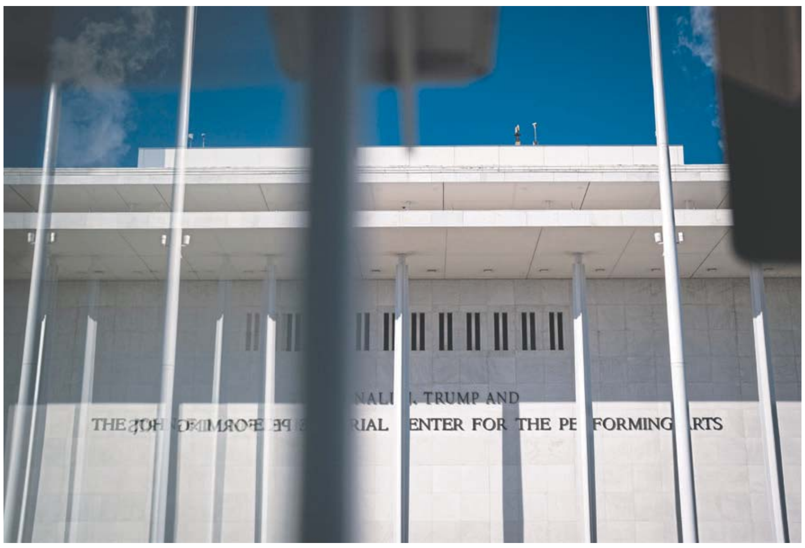
"That's a huge hole for an organization to recover from, even one as significant and sizable as the Kennedy Center," Benoit-Bryan said.

The center has traditionally been unusual among cultural institutions because it makes more money selling tickets than collecting donations, Benoit-Bryan said. Most arts nonprofits lean more heavily on philanthropy, which makes up about 60 percent of revenue on average.

That reliance on ticket sales and other earned income makes the board's vote to close for two years of renovations particularly consequential, she said, calling it "a questionable choice."

Beatty argued in her lawsuit that the decision was worse than misguided. Her lawyers characterized the closure as a betrayal of the center's mission to bring the performing arts to the public — and an attempt to hide the "embarrassing fact" that renaming the center after Trump had sparked a financial collapse.

"Such a self-interested gambit, sacrificing the Kennedy Center to save face, represents a quintessential breach of fiduciary duty," they wrote.



JABIN BOTSFORD/THE WASHINGTON POST

The center in February, after Trump's name was added to the building.

THE NATION

Squeezed by tariffs and war, farmers face a new crisis

SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Alan Montag is shown in May planting soybeans on farmland he leases near West Bend, Iowa. Farmers are facing big spikes in fuel and fertilizer costs.

A campaign to deliver emergency aid has stalled on Capitol Hill

BY JARRELL DILLARD

For nearly 16 years, Wendy Johnson has tried to build an Iowa farm that could survive the kinds of economic shocks that drove farmers out of business when she was growing up in the 1980s.

She diversified her operations, growing corn, small grains and soybeans while also raising sheep, cattle, pigs and chickens. She opted to sell directly to consumers and transitioned a portion of her 1,200 acres to organic production. She avoided debt and even planted trees to protect her soil and livestock.

But the latest crisis has defied her careful planning: President Donald Trump's tariffs and his war with Iran have driven up the cost of fertilizer, fuel and machinery just as weak crop prices have made it harder to cover those rising expenses.

"I am afraid that we're looking into the barrel of another farm crisis," said Johnson, a fourth-generation farmer, who estimates her profits are down by as much as 50 percent. "And we all know historically what that did to our … rural communities."

Johnson is among American farmers who say they are desperate for relief from Washington as Trump administration policies raise costs and slash profits. Just last week, Trump slapped 50 percent tariffs on Canada, a critical source of fertilizer and farm equipment. And he wrote in a Truth Social post that he would pause tariffs on some imported ground beef in an effort to lower grocery prices, infuriating U.S. cattle ranchers who say the move would undermine domestic herders.

Meanwhile, the federal farm bill — the traditional source of agricultural subsidies, crop insurance and other support for farmers — is hopelessly out of date, and a divided Congress is far from agreement on how to replace it. To tide over rural America, Republican leaders are trying to pass $12 billion in emergency aid. But their plan would pair that money with billions of dollars for the war with Iran, the very conflict that has helped drive up fuel costs and added to the squeeze on farmers in the first place.

That combination gets mixed reviews in farm country. While some industry groups, such as the American Farm Bureau Federation, have backed it, others have argued that it is counterproductive to tie the money to funding for the Iran war.

"While we support providing immediate relief to farmers … we are troubled by funding that perpetuates a costly military conflict that risks further disrupting global markets, increasing input costs, and contributing to the economic pressures already weighing on farm operations," the National Farmers Union wrote in a July letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana) and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-New York).

Aaron Lehman, president of the Iowa Farmers Union, echoed that sentiment.

"I'm glad lawmakers are trying to find a way to help farmers," Lehman said. "But this approach is not the right one."

When the House returns to Washington later this month, passing a farm aid package remains near the top of the legislative to-do list. Iowa is particularly critical heading into the Nov. 3 midterm elections, with three competitive House seats and a competitive Senate race. In a state that has not had a Democratic governor in nearly two decades, even that race in Iowa is competitive, according to the Cook Political Report.

Nationally, roughly a dozen competitive House seats have a significant concentration of agricultural areas, as well as multiple competitive Senate races. Republican leaders, trying to hang on to narrow majorities in both chambers, are especially eager to demonstrate their ability to deliver for a key constituency.

"Right now, if you're growing something in the ground, you're losing money. And it's not just a crop, it's virtually every crop, and it's virtually every region of the country," said Senate Agriculture Committee Chair John Boozman (R-Arkansas).

While farmers say getting the emergency aid is crucial, many called it a "Band-Aid" at best. Agriculture industry groups said the funding must be accompanied by long-term policy that addresses the structural problems threatening their livelihood.

Russell Boening, a Texas farmer who runs his family's operation with his brother, is facing a similar squeeze to Johnson in Iowa. The farm grows corn, grain sorghum and wheat, as well as raising cattle. But crop revenue has fallen below the cost of their production as fertilizer and other inputs have become more expensive. Boening estimates the farm's bottom line has taken as much as a 40 percent hit in some areas.

The emergency aid is "needed," he said, adding that farmers in South Texas are already seeking operating loans for 2027 so they can begin planting in January. But Boening urged Congress to get to work on longer-term policies because "farmers don't want to come there every six months for a bridge payment for farmer assistance."

Ben LaCross, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau, also supports the emergency assistance, noting that farmers have been struggling with rising costs and weak commodity prices for more than a decade. He praised the Trump administration's efforts to expand market opportunities for agricultural commodities, and said farmers need a new farm bill that further expands markets and helps reduce the cost of fertilizer and other inputs.

The current farm bill — a multiyear law that sets national policy for agriculture and nutrition — is nearly eight years old. With the law originally designed to be renewed every five years, Congress has temporarily extended the legislation three times as lawmakers have failed to reach an agreement on updated policies. The latest extension will expire at the end of September.

But Congress is nowhere near an agreement on a new policy framework. Republicans want to increase funding for commodity farmers to help offset rising production costs, while reducing federal funding for food stamps. Democrats, who oppose altering the food aid benefits, blocked Republicans from advancing the bill out of the Senate Agriculture Committee in early August. The committee will continue work when senators return from recess in mid-September.

Boozman and Sen. John Hoeven (R-North Dakota) played key roles in advocating for emergency farm aid. The money was included in a party-line package Republicans are rushing to pass before the midterms. Along with funding for farmers, that package includes two other GOP priorities: Iran war funding and stricter rules for voting.

GOP lawmakers aim to use the complex reconciliation process to pass the package through both chambers with a simple majority, forgoing the need for Democratic support. But for that plan to work, it would require near-unanimous support from Republicans — which it does not have.

GOP senators had hoped to vote on a framework for the package before they left town for the August recess, but those plans were scrapped amid lingering concerns from multiple lawmakers within the conference.

Between those concerns and a tight legislative calendar, the path to passing help for farmers before Nov. 3 is looking increasingly difficult.

FAMILY PHOTO

"I am afraid that we're looking into the barrel of another farm crisis," said Wendy Johnson of Iowa.

DIGEST

STATE DEPARTMENT

Agency looking into selling 'woke' painting

The State Department is exploring options to sell a painting by celebrated artist Kehinde Wiley that has been labeled "woke" by Trump administration officials and removed from the U.S. Embassy in the Dominican Republic.

The painting, "Young Artists After Siamesas 1960," features four models in front of a floral backdrop.

Wiley shot to fame in 2018 as the artist behind the portrait of former president Barack Obama which hangs in the National Portrait Gallery.

The State Department's Art in Embassies website describes him as a painter of "visually sumptuous" art that "reframes a genre historically reserved for elite, White subjects."

On Tuesday the State Department said it is in discussions with "legal representatives to ascertain whether the art can be sold," adding that it would be the "goal to do so."

Earlier this month, the painting was removed from the U.S. Embassy in the Dominican Republic. Ambassador Leah Campos shared a video of the painting being removed and said she wanted to move away from "woke" ideologies.

Erin Scavino, who was appointed the executive director of Art in Embassies last year, said in an interview her team had worked very hard to get the painting taken down, describing the work as "very woke" and "aesthetically terrifying."

— Victoria Craw

FEDERAL COURTS

Plan to auction items from Titanic is delayed

A controversial plan to auction off artifacts recovered from the wreck of the Titanic must be put on hold, a federal judge ruled Monday, after the U.S. government and preservationists raised concerns about the sale and the company's care of the artifacts.

RMS Titanic, which holds exclusive salvage rights to the iconic shipwreck, earlier this year proposed auctioning more than 100 items — including gem-studded jewelry, tableware and a bronze cherub that once adorned the vessel's grand staircase — recovered in a deep-sea expedition decades ago. The company argued that the artifacts it planned to sell were not subject to the court's jurisdiction.

U.S. District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith in Norfolk rejected the company's argument, writing any sale would be subject to the court's approval. She also raised concerns about the condition of RMS Titanic's collection, citing the company's "financial difficulties," and ordered that an inventory of the artifacts and their condition be filed with the court.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration opposed the sale, and the proposal drew protests from historians, archaeologists and the French government, which participated in the expedition that recovered some of the artifacts.

NOAA did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

A lawyer for RMS Titanic said in an email that the company would review the ruling and decide its next steps.

— Liam Bowman

CALIFORNIA

French tourist dies in Death Valley park

A French visitor died in California's Death Valley National Park last week after he and a travel companion abandoned their disabled car to seek help.

According a statement from the National Park Service, Pierre Michel Formosa, 68, and his travel partner, who is also French, were driving on rugged West Side Road on Aug. 17 when their vehicle became lodged in mud. The pair left their vehicle to find assistance, traversing salt flats toward Badwater Road, a two-lane highway encircled by mountains.

Formosa hiked for about 1.3 miles before he could go no further. The friend continued onward, attracting the attention of a motorist who reported the incident to the Furnace Creek Visitor Center a little after 2 p.m.

Less than 15 minutes later, park rangers and an Inyo County deputy mobilized a search-and-rescue operation. A California Highway Patrol helicopter, which had joined the mission, eventually found Formosa about 1.5 miles from Badwater Road. Officials pronounced Formosa dead at the scene. The Inyo County coroner will determine the cause of death.

In a condolence message to the victim's family, Mike Reynolds, the park's superintendent, reminded visitors of the hazards of Death Valley.

"Death Valley National Park is an extraordinary place," he said, "but its heat, distances and remoteness can be dangerous, regardless of experience."

Spring, with its cooler temperatures and wildflower blooms, is the most popular time to visit, but summer can attract travelers curious about the triple-digit temperatures.

In July 1913, Furnace Creek set the world record for the highest air temperature, at 134 degrees. In 2024, the park logged the hottest meteorological summer (June to August) on record, with an average 24-hour temperature of 104.5 degrees. On the day of Formosa's death, the park said the temperature reached 116 degrees.

On dangerously hot days, rangers advise visitors to stay within a 10-minute walk of their vehicle. A car, even an immobilized one, can offer protection from the punishing Death Valley sun.

— Andrea Sachs

Watchdog: FEMA crew broke law by bypassing homes

Residences with Trump signs were skipped after 2024's Hurricane Milton

BY BRIANNA SACKS

A crew of Federal Emergency Management Agency staffers working on the response to Hurricane Milton in 2024 violated the law and agency policy by skipping nearly a dozen homes displaying signs supporting then-presidential candidate Donald Trump, a federal watchdog said Tuesday.

The new report by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General found that the decision by a crew with the agency's Disaster Survivor Assistance program "eroded public trust in FEMA's ability to treat everyone impartially, offer unbiased and consistent assistance, and ensure equal access to resources and tools."

Back-to-back hurricanes hit Florida within two weeks of each other in late September and early October 2024, prompting emergency declarations and federal assistance. FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance crews canvassed 744,288 homes and other sites in response, according the report, and did not contact "555,374 locations for reasons such as private property signs or safety concerns."

During FEMA's hurricane response, which was unfolding during the last few weeks of the pivotal election, a FEMA crew lead instructed team members to avoid homes with Trump signs due to safety concerns. The same crew bypassed those 11 homes in Florida, according to survey notes obtained by the inspector general's office.

At the time, the crew leader did not feel safe given the heightened tension and "was looking for ways to define safety. People were not getting good guidance, so she made her own way," said a former senior FEMA official with direct knowledge of the situation.

After several FEMA workers filed a complaint, the agency started its own investigation and officials referred the complaint to the Office of Special Counsel and DHS's inspector general office. Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) blamed the Biden administration, writing online that it represented a "blatant weaponization of government by partisan activists in the federal bureaucracy." FEMA quickly fired the crew leader and several other staffers involved in the incident.

The watchdog found that the incident highlighted weaknesses in "FEMA's training, documentation, and oversight." Those Disaster Survivor Assistance crews did "not receive ethics and Hatch Act training before deploying to disasters," the report said, nor was there a policy that required "crews to explain why they skipped homes."

REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

A tattered American flag is outside an Anna Maria Island, Florida, home on Oct. 8, 2024.

Deanne Criswell, who headed FEMA during the Hurricane Milton response, said in a Signal message Tuesday that the report "validates the actions we took at FEMA when this incident was brought to our attention. Politics should never play a role in disaster response, and even one home skipped is unacceptable."

Criswell said that after they learned that the crew had bypassed those homes, officials ensured the "neighborhoods were recanvassed."

The agency did not have a formal system for reporting potential safety threats at the time, said the senior official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the internal investigation. The inspector general report also identified this as a hole in the agency's operations.

> *The report "validates the actions we took at FEMA when this incident was brought to our attention. Politics should never play a role in disaster response, and even one home skipped is unacceptable."*
>
> **Deanne Criswell,** who headed FEMA during the Hurricane Milton response, in a Signal message

Criswell and the other former official noted that FEMA's internal review found that the Hurricane Milton incident was isolated to that crew.

"FEMA personnel conducted more than 744,000 canvassing visits following Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and the Inspector General identified 11 homes skipped for political reasons by the same crew — findings that reinforce my confidence this was an isolated incident and not a systemic practice within FEMA," Criswell said.

However, safety concerns during disaster response are common, the former senior official said, with most of the encounters that FEMA canvassers faced involving guns.

The inspector general report said that after FEMA learned of the crew skipping homes, it provided mandatory training to all disaster survivor teams, including those deployed in the field.

FEMA concurred with all of the inspector general recommendations. In a letter from July, the agency said that "when concerns were raised regarding adherence to law and policy in performance of this work — FEMA leadership acted swiftly to investigate, remediate, and strengthen training and oversight. As a result, FEMA increased mission readiness training and no longer conducts FEMA-led door-to-door outreach efforts. Staff now provide support to survivors from fixed locations determined by state and local officials through a data-informed approach."

State Dept. to revoke tourist, business visas for those who claimed asylum

Plan marks the latest tactic by White House to curb immigration

BY VICTORIA CRAW

The State Department plans to revoke the business and tourism visas of those who have claimed asylum after arriving in the country, the agency said in a statement Tuesday, marking the latest effort by the Trump administration to curb migration to the United States.

The move is expected to apply to those granted B1 and B2 visas — typically issued for tourism and business travel — between 2016 and 2026, who have sought asylum or are now seeking asylum.

State Department spokesman Tommy Pigott said the agency is coordinating with the Department of Homeland Security to "identify and revoke the nonimmigrant visas of foreigners who have come to the United States claiming to be short-term visitors but then file for asylum to stay here permanently."

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Secretary of State Marco Rubio attends a Cabinet meeting at Camp David last month.

The department did not confirm the number of visas that could be revoked, saying it would be done on a "rolling basis." It did not say whether those who have visas revoked will be deported or what will happen to any pending asylum claims.

The plan marks the latest tactic by President Donald Trump's administration to curb immigration.

The controversial efforts have included attempts to limit birthright citizenship, impose higher fees for skilled visas and refuse visas to applicants who say they fear returning home to their countries.

Many of the moves have been struck down by courts or face legal challenges.

Some of the immigration enforcement efforts have been linked to violence.

There have been at least 17 shootings of motorists by federal immigration officers recorded since the beginning of Trump's second term, a Washington Post analysis shows. Six people, including two U.S. citizens, have died in the shootings.

B1 and B2 visas are issued for short stays for reasons including business ventures and travel. Nearly 6.5 million B1 and B2 visas were issued in fiscal 2024, according to State Department figures.

A B-1 temporary business visa allows the holder to stay up to six months in the country for commercial activities, while B2 tourism visas can be used for holidays or medical treatment.

More than 230,000 people in the U.S. filed affirmative asylum cases — applications from those not facing removal proceedings — in 2022, according to a Department of Homeland Security report. A little more than a third of those who claimed affirmative asylum in the last decade had entered on a B1 or B2 visa, the 2022 report added, out of the applicants who had disclosed how they arrived in the United States.

Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau said in a post on X on Monday that "people in the U.S. and all over the world are fed up with bogus asylum claims."

"Asylum isn't supposed to be a loophole to circumvent immigration laws; rather, it's supposed to provide a narrow safe harbor for persons persecuted because of their 'race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion,'" Landau said.

Under federal law, foreign nationals can seek asylum once in the U.S. if they face "persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution" back home.

They can do so regardless of their immigration status as long as they apply within one year of their arrival, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The State Department said this month that it had revoked more than 175,000 visas since Trump took office, including stripping travel documents from foreigners charged with crimes.

Human rights groups have described some of the revocations as politically motivated, such as the case of a Tufts University student who was detained and had her visa revoked in 2025 after the administration accused her of supporting the Palestinian militant group Hamas.

Ted Hasson contributed to this report.

Where things stand in Trump's legal fight to limit voting by mail

BY PATRICK MARLEY
AND JUSTIN JOUVENAL

The Supreme Court gave President Donald Trump a preliminary victory this week when it lifted some legal hurdles to his plan to limit who can vote by mail.

The decision was narrow, and Trump's proposal remains blocked by a lower-court order. But the Supreme Court win gave the president momentum as he seeks to change voting rules less than a month before election officials start mailing ballots to voters.

Overlapping litigation continues in lower courts and soon could wind up before the Supreme Court again. Here's a look at where things stand.

Why has voting by mail become such a flash point?

Trump has often voted by mail — including in last week's primary in Florida — but has long railed against mail ballots and questioned their validity. In a social media post last year, he said he would "lead a movement to get rid of MAIL-IN BALLOTS."

Seven months later, Trump signed an executive order aimed at imposing new federal requirements on who can get mail ballots. Election officials from across the country have said mail voting is safe, and states and voting rights groups have sued to block the executive order.

Will I be able to vote by mail?

For now, yes.

Nothing in Monday's ruling changed voters' current options. A separate lower-court order still blocks the mail-ballot provisions of Trump's executive order for the 2026 elections, and the Supreme Court has not ruled on whether those provisions are legal.

What's behind Trump's attempts to change voting rules?

For years, Trump without evidence has insisted that voting by noncitizens is rampant, and he has pushed Congress to adopt legislation that would require people to provide proof of citizenship to register to vote. That legislation remains stalled, and Trump has tried to get at the issue with his executive order, which he says would ensure that noncitizens don't receive mail ballots.

Noncitizens are not allowed to vote in federal elections. Court records and independent studies show that noncitizens rarely vote, but it does happen in uncommon instances. New Jersey officials recently disclosed that, because of a software glitch, they had registered thousands of noncitizens, including about 340 who cast ballots.

OFFICE OF THE
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
VOTE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
SECURE BALLOT
INTAKE STATION

LYNNE SLADKY/AP

An election worker in Doral, Florida, places a ballot into a secure bin this month at the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections Office.

What did Trump's executive order say?

Trump's order directed the Department of Homeland Security to compile and send each state a list of citizens drawn from federal records. Those lists, along with information from the states, could be used to determine who can receive mail ballots. Critics say the federal records can be incomplete or outdated, potentially omitting eligible voters, including some naturalized citizens.

The executive order also directed the U.S. Postal Service to review ballot envelopes to ensure they are secure and are using unique barcodes for processing. And it told the Justice Department to prioritize investigations of officials who give ballots to ineligible voters.

What's going on with the legal cases?

U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani in Massachusetts has handled two sets of cases over the executive order — one brought by Democratic-led states and one brought by voting rights groups. She blocked major provisions of the executive order in both cases.

The case brought by the states made its way to the Supreme Court on the narrow question of whether the states had the right to sue at this stage. Over the dissent of the court's three liberals, the conservative majority ruled for Trump, saying the states couldn't sue until the administration had finalized its plans.

The Supreme Court ruling did not address Talwani's injunction in the other case, so the Postal Service is still barred from implementing the mail-ballot section of Trump's order.

The case that the Supreme Court ruled on this week now returns to lower courts.

And either or both sets of cases could quickly go back to the Supreme Court. Many on both sides of the issue are pressing for final decisions as soon as possible because election officials are required to start sending mail ballots in mid-September.

What's the status of the new postal rule?

The Postal Service took the unusual step of issuing its new rule at 9 p.m. Friday — before the Supreme Court released its ruling. The agency acknowledged the injunctions and said it would not implement the requirements for the 2026 elections unless the courts lifted them.

Voting rights groups then asked Talwani to enforce her injunction, arguing that by finalizing the rule, the Postal Service had violated her order.

Talwani on Tuesday ruled that the administration had defied her injunction but said she was taking no action "other than identifying the violation."

What would the new mail rule do?

Under the postal rule, election officials would have to use barcodes to track mail ballot envelopes and would have to get approval from the Postal Service for the design of the envelopes.

That would create challenges for the midterm elections because postal officials would need to review envelope designs for thousands of voting jurisdictions across the country. If they rejected any designs, election officials would be in a bind because they would have little time to design, order and receive new envelopes. Many jurisdictions buy their envelopes months in advance.

U.S. could rename Lake Ontario as Lake America in trade flap, Trump says

BY SAMMY WESTFALL

President Donald Trump said he is considering changing the name of Lake Ontario, the easternmost of the Great Lakes spanning the U.S.-Canada border, to Lake America, as the U.S.-Canada trade fight escalates.

The threat adds to a long list of things — bodies of water, mountains, cultural centers, battleships, transit hubs, federal agencies — the Trump administration has renamed or proposed to rebrand.

"The United States is giving serious consideration to changing the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America in that we don't expect to be doing much business with Ontario any longer," he wrote on Truth Social on Tuesday morning.

Over the weekend, Canada and the United States were thrown into a heated trade war after Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney walked away from negotiations over tariffs — a rare example of a foreign leader telling Trump "enough," after the U.S. demanded what Carney said was a mounting list of concessions.

The Trump administration announced 50 percent tariffs on $20 billion worth of Canadian goods.

Canada on Tuesday issued retaliatory tariffs of up to 50 percent on U.S. imports.

"An attitude at the negotiation table that Canada is a subsidiary of the United States ... that's not something we're going to accept," Carney said in a statement posted Tuesday.

In his proposal on Lake Ontario, which borders Toronto on its northern shore, Trump continues a pattern of using his power to rename major geographical features: In a January 2025 executive order, "Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness," he said he would rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America and North America's tallest peak, Denali in Alaska, as Mount McKinley.

TODD F. MICHALEK/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A view of Lake Ontario from Oswego, New York. Over the weekend, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney walked away from trade talks.

The month after Trump's executive order, Google Maps announced that U.S. users would see the body of water named the "Gulf of America" and Mexican users would see "Gulf of Mexico." In the rest of the world, people see both: "Gulf of Mexico (Gulf of America)."

In speeches, Trump tied the renaming of the gulf to long-held grievances over Mexico's handling of immigration and drug trafficking.

In renaming the Alaskan peak, Trump said he intended to honor the former president, whom he admired as a "natural businessman," and who made the country "rich through tariffs and through talent." The peak had gone by McKinley in the past, but the Obama administration formally changed it to Denali in 2015 to reflect local and Native American usage. The surrounding national park retains the Denali name.

Trump has pushed for his names to stick, declaring Feb. 9, 2025, "Gulf of America Day." His executive order carries authority within the United States, and federal agencies have used the Trump-assigned names in official statements and websites.

"Interior Advances American Energy Dominance with Third Gulf of America Lease Sale," a Department of Interior press release this month states.

The Department of War — also a rebrand under the Trump administration — wrote in its 2026 national defense strategy: "We have seen adversaries' influence grow from Greenland in the Arctic to the Gulf of America."

But the over 400-year-old name "Gulf of Mexico" has stuck for many, even as some state officials, including in Texas and Florida, took action to try to formalize the move, despite concerns over costs associated with making the official change.

The Associated Press, which is widely cited for style guidance among newsrooms and corporations, continues to use the name Gulf of Mexico, while acknowledging the new name chosen by Trump.

"The AP regularly reviews its style guidance regarding name changes, in part to ensure its guidance reflects common usage. We'll continue to apply that approach to this guidance and make updates as needed," it said.

Footage linked to IRGC claims $10 million bounty placed on Barron Trump

BY AOIFE WALSH

The Secret Service has said it is aware of a video broadcast by Iranian state media appearing to threaten Barron Trump, President Donald Trump's son.

The footage, reportedly released by media linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, claimed a $10 million bounty had been placed on him.

Secret Service says it is aware of the purported threat, spokesman says

The video opens with the title: "Where to kill Barron Trump?" It depicts a man resembling him and suggests general locations where he might be found.

"The U.S. Secret Service is aware of the video and investigates anything that can be perceived as a threat toward our protectees," Nate Herring, a Secret Service spokesperson, said in an emailed statement. "Out of concern for operational security, we do not discuss matters of protective intelligence."

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday morning.

Trump, who was 10 years old when his father was first elected president and is now 20, has kept a much lower profile than others in his family.

He has appeared at some high-profile events with his father, such as at his Inauguration Day ceremony in 2025.

Concerns about Iranian plots against U.S. officials, including the president, have existed for decades. Those fears have escalated in recent years because of the U.S. role in the killing of Iranian military and political leaders, including the U.S. airstrike that killed Gen. Qasem Soleimani in January 2020.

The president has cited Iran's efforts in 2024 to assassinate him as a factor in ordering the joint U.S.-Israeli operation that killed Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

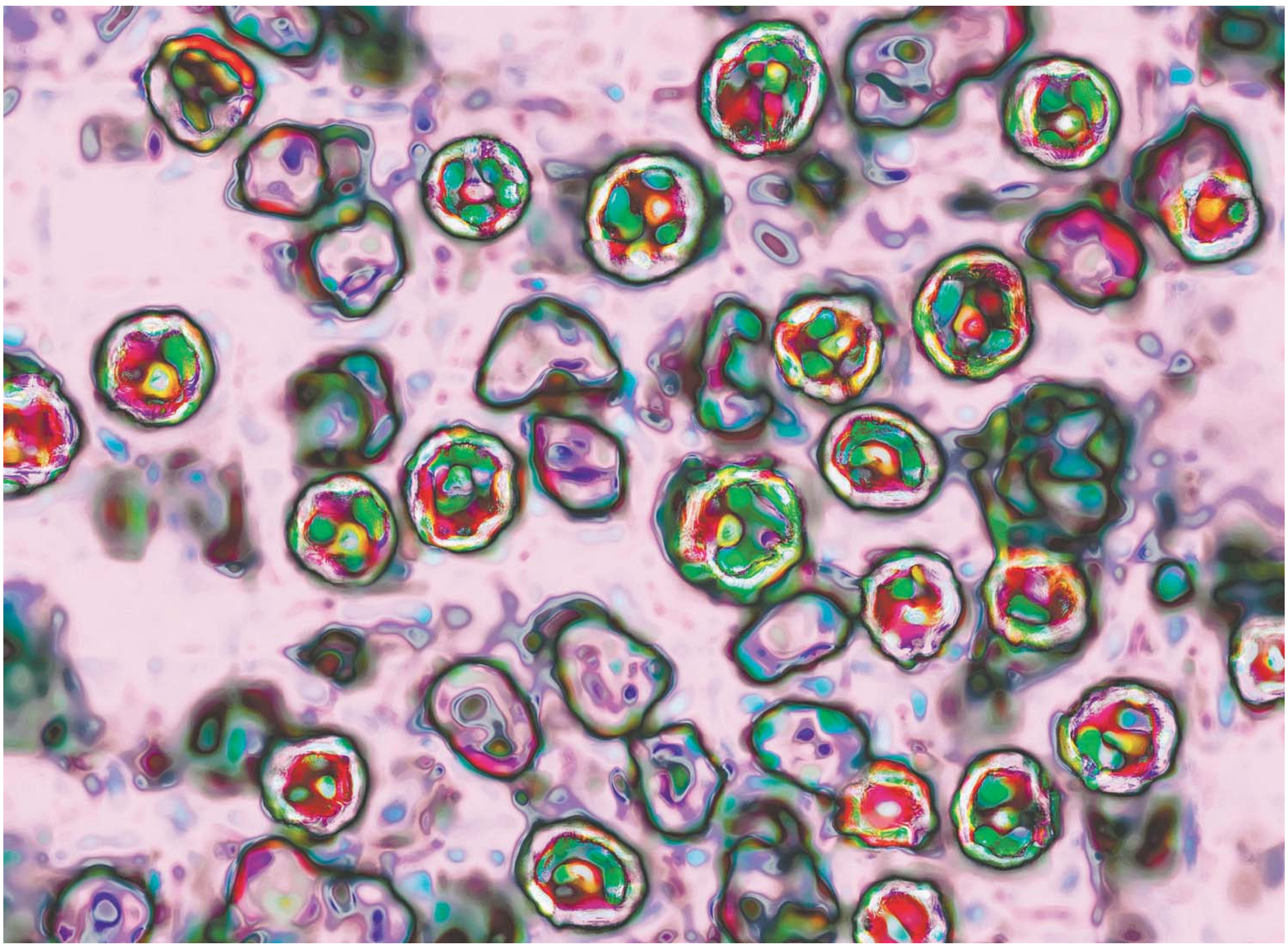
In July, an Iranian assassination threat against the president prompted a clandestine operation in which he flew secretly from Turkey on an alternate military aircraft while the White House said he was aboard Air Force One.

The operation was first reported by The Washington Post a month later.

The threat was relayed by the Israeli government to the CIA. U.S. intelligence officials were skeptical and conveyed that view to the Trump administration.

Two measles-related deaths reported in Pennsylvania, state's first in 35 years

MEASLES FROM **A1**



BSIP/UNIVERSAL IMAGES GROUP/GETTY IMAGES

Pennsylvania has confirmed 393 measles cases in 28 counties this year, including 86 in the past week. Nearly half of the cases are in Lancaster County, authorities said.

JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Since an unvaccinated child in West Texas developed measles early last year, successive outbreaks have sickened thousands of people, with repeated new infections igniting sustained outbreaks in multiple states rather than staying concentrated in a few communities.

those deaths will be the last," Shapiro said at a news conference Tuesday.

Shapiro, widely seen as a presidential contender, said he was late to the news conference because he had been speaking by phone with Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

"I was very, very blunt with him," the governor said. "I told him that his actions and the rhetoric that is coming from this administration are having a negative impact on communities across America and right here in Pennsylvania."

Shapiro said Kennedy's statements were confusing parents and making it harder for them to know whom to trust. "There are real-life consequences to spreading misinformation, real-life consequences to scaring people and not relying on real-life doctors," he said.

The federal government's public health decisions are not driven by facts and science, Shapiro said. That makes it even more confusing for parents. "All we want to do as parents is what is right for our kids," he said.

A spokesperson for the Health and Human Services Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Kennedy has acknowledged that "the most effective way to prevent the spread of measles is the MMR vaccine" and that parents should get their kids vaccinated for measles. But he had also falsely stated that vaccines were not safety-tested.

Pennsylvania Health Secretary Debra Bogen said the deaths underscore how unfamiliar many people have become with a disease that had been largely eliminated from the state for more than three decades.

"People are not familiar with this disease and don't fully understand the potential severity of the illness," she said. People have forgotten how serious measles can be for the very young, pregnant women, the very old, and people with compromised immune systems, health officials have said.

Bogen added, referring to the combined measles, mumps and rubella vaccine: "As a physician, I want to make sure that people understand that the MMR vaccine is safe and provides the best protection we have against measles."

The U.S. has reported the most measles cases in any year since 1991, surpassing all of last year's total and reaching the highest level in 35 years with months of the year left to go.

Measles is a contagious, vaccine-preventable disease. Most children recover after several days of fever, cough, congestion and pink eye, but measles can also cause pneumonia, brain swelling, deafness, intellectual disability and death.

Since an unvaccinated child in West Texas developed measles early last year, successive outbreaks have sickened thousands of people, with repeated new infections igniting sustained outbreaks in multiple states rather than staying concentrated in a few undervaccinated communities.

Deaths from measles had become extraordinarily rare in the U.S. The first death in the 2025 outbreaks — that of an unvaccinated school-age child in Texas — was the nation's first reported measles death since 2015. By the end of last year, three people had died: two unvaccinated school-age children in Texas and an unvaccinated adult in New Mexico. The Pennsylvania deaths bring the number reported since the beginning of 2025 to five.

Measles is one of the most contagious diseases on Earth, with the virus spreading through the air. About 1 in 5 unvaccinated people in the U.S. who get measles is hospitalized, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A measles infection can damage the immune cells that help the body protect against other viruses and bacteria it has encountered before, putting a person at higher risk of getting sick from other infections even after they have recovered.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends routine immunization against measles starting at age 1 and early vaccination for children as young as 6 months old who are living in or traveling to a community where there is an outbreak.

"In 2026, decades after measles was eliminated in the United States, it is heartbreaking to witness deaths from a disease that is preventable with a vaccine that has been widely used since the 1970s," AAP President Andrew Racine said in a statement.

"It's just extraordinarily sad to have a loved one die of essentially a preventable disease in the United States in 2026," Racine said in an interview. The U.S. eliminated measles in 2000, he said, "and now we find ourselves back in a situation in which we're having not only thousands of cases throughout the United States, but, inevitably, we're having people die of it."

Lancaster County is home to the largest population of Amish in the U.S., and the MMR vaccination rate among the county's Amish community was estimated to be around 25 percent, according to data from the state health department from the 2023-2024 school year.

Communities generally need vaccination rates of about 95 percent to prevent outbreaks and protect the vulnerable.

Shapiro warned against treating the outbreak as a problem confined to Lancaster County's Amish or Mennonite communities, saying measles "does not respect county lines or religious lines." Cases have been found in communities with different religious, political and demographic makeups across the state, he said.

Earlier this month, President Donald Trump issued a sweeping executive order that amounted to his most significant attempt to reshape how Americans vaccinate their children. It included directives for cutting the number of recommended childhood vaccines, spacing out those shots and other major changes. Trump's asks are not in effect, but they have sparked swift and fierce pushback from major medical associations, which fear a resurgence of preventable diseases.

The executive order keeps measles, mumps and rubella among the diseases for which vaccination is universally recommended. But it calls for administering them as three separate shots, currently unavailable in the U.S.

The potential changes would diverge from long-standing federal guidance around immunizations, which medical experts credit with halting the spread of deadly preventable diseases in the country. In addition, state and local authorities, not the federal government, generally set vaccination requirements for school attendance.

Medical experts say there is no evidence that children benefit from separating the MMR vaccine, which has been extensively studied and found to be safe and effective. Those pushing back against Trump's order say requiring three injections and potentially additional medical appointments could cause children to receive shots late or miss them entirely, leaving them vulnerable to measles and other diseases for longer.

The proposal comes as children return to classrooms, where measles can spread rapidly among those who are not protected. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are 97 percent effective against measles.

That protection has continued to erode. During the 2025-2026 school year, a record 4.2 percent of kindergartners — about 155,000 children — had an exemption from at least one required vaccine, up from 3.6 percent the year before, according to federal data. Exemptions increased in 41 states and the District of Columbia, and 24 states reported exemption rates above 5 percent. Nationwide, MMR coverage among kindergartners fell to 92.4 percent, with about 280,000 attending school without documentation that they had completed the vaccine series.

In Pennsylvania, Shapiro said, the number of families seeking vaccine exemptions for philosophical and religious reasons has tripled in the past 10 years, leading to lower vaccination rates and dramatically reduced protection for others in the community.

Trump was pressed on his claim earlier this month that the MMR vaccine, taken together, could be "quite lethal." He did not cite scientific evidence, saying there are "some people that say it is that way."

On CBS News's "Face the Nation" on Sunday, Mehmet Oz, the Medicare and Medicaid chief, said in response to repeated questioning that the MMR vaccine is "not a lethal vaccine."

Trump has long questioned whether the number of childhood vaccines can cause autism, despite decades of research finding no link. But his musings have become more vocal during his second term amid the selection of Kennedy as the nation's top health official. Kennedy is the founder of a prominent anti-vaccine group and has a lengthy history of disparaging vaccines.

REVOLUTIONARY REVELATIONS
Michelle Singletary's Money Milestones
UNBREAKABLE
2025 FALL RECIPES
DINING GUIDE

The Washington Post | Store

Insight you'll keep

Thoughtfully reported special section magazines from The Washington Post — covering food, dining, sports, personal finance, and more.

M121912x3

Judge issues a setback to White House plans to restrict mail-in ballots

The ruling is not the final word in legal fight to change rules before fall

BY **JUSTIN JOUVENAL**

A federal judge in Massachusetts on Tuesday issued a setback to the Trump administration's plans to issue sweeping new restrictions on mail-in balloting for November's crucial midterm elections.

The ruling is not the final word in a complex and rapidly escalating legal fight over the president's executive order that would bar the U.S. Postal Service from sending mail-in ballots to voters not on lists of citizens created by federal agencies.

A separate case challenging the order has already reached the Supreme Court, which for now cleared one legal hurdle that has blocked its implementation.

U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani, an Obama administration nominee, found the Trump administration violated her earlier preliminary injunction blocking the executive order when it issued rules on how the Postal Service should implement it.

The rules were set to take effect Wednesday.

In June, Talwani sided with the League of Women Voters and other voting rights groups challenging the order, finding the president did not have the constitutional authority to alter how states administer elections.

After the new Postal Service rules were announced late Friday, the voting groups asked Talwani to intervene.

The Trump administration argued in court filings that it had not violated Talwani's injunction because it stipulated it would not take any action to implement the rules for November's election unless Talwani's order was lifted.

"These arguments ignore the court's explicit directive not to 'initiat[e] or complet[e]' rulemaking," Talwani wrote Tuesday. "And Defendants cannot contend that they misunderstood the scope of the court's order."

Talwani's order did not sanction the Trump administration for the violation, noting it would not change the legal posture of the case. She said her preliminary injunction had already blocked the implementation of the Postal Service rules.

The ruling comes the day after a divided Supreme Court decided 23 states and the District of Columbia had not met the legal bar to challenge the executive order in separate litigation.

In an unsigned order, the court's conservatives agreed with administration arguments that it was too soon to take legal action because the Postal Service had yet to finalize the rules for implementing the order. The majority acknowledged additional legal wrangling is ahead.

"The Court's disposition of this application does not mean that any measure taken by the Government to implement the Order will necessarily be lawful," the majority wrote. "On that score, time will tell."

The court's three liberals objected.

"This ruling violates well-established precedents concerning this Court's equitable discretion and needlessly injects chaos and uncertainty into the upcoming midterm elections," Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote in a dissent.

Despite the adverse ruling, the states say they would continue the legal fight against Trump's executive order. Ultimately, the legality of the order in one or both cases could end up before the Supreme Court again soon.

The legal action is playing out weeks before many states are set to begin sending out mail-in ballots for the November election that will determine control of the House and Senate.

Some state election officials have said it would be exceedingly difficult to implement major changes to mail-in balloting so close to the election and could cause voter confusion. Others have expressed concerns about qualified voters mistakenly being barred from casting ballots.

Trump issued the executive order in March, saying he was trying to prevent noncitizens from voting in elections. Trump has blamed his loss in the 2020 presidential election in part on unfounded claims that noncitizens cast large numbers of ballots.

Noncitizens have voted in some elections, but studies have found it to be rare.

The order requires states and the federal government to create lists showing who is eligible to receive mail ballots by relying on a federal database of citizenship.

Critics have questioned the use of the database, saying it is incomplete and outdated in some cases, which could create errors that remove eligible voters from the rolls.

Under the new rule, the Postal Service would also need to review and approve the designs of ballot envelopes for thousands of voting jurisdictions. The changes would include adding barcodes to envelopes to help thwart fraud.

The executive order is just one of a number of measures Trump has taken to restrict voting ahead of the midterms.

GETTY IMAGES

The University of Iowa is one of several colleges that have closed or merged African American studies units. Some institutions are citing low enrollment and limited funding as cause for the cut in programs.

U.S. colleges are cutting back African American studies, related programs

COLLEGES FROM **A1**

have also trimmed classes, removed them from the core curriculum or cut staff.

Enrollment in the programs has been falling in recent years, data shows.

For three straight years, students received fewer than 700 degrees in African American studies nationally, the lowest level in the last two decades, according to an analysis of federal data through 2025 by a researcher at the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. That's despite the fact that the number of schools offering degree programs has gradually risen during the same span.

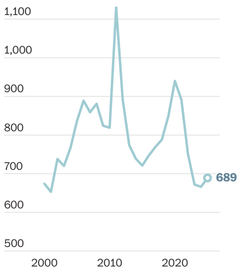
"It is quite puzzling," said Robert Townsend, director of humanities, arts and culture programs at the academy, an honorary society and policy research center.

Low enrollment has made the programs a target for cuts at some schools.

Take the University of North Texas (UNT), which projected a $45 million shortfall for the fiscal year ending this month. The university blamed falling enrollment, especially among international graduate students, and cuts in state funding for instruction and operations.

Fewer degrees in African American studies

U.S. colleges awarded fewer than 700 African American studies degrees in each of the past three years, the lowest levels in two decades.



Source: American Academy of Arts and Sciences analysis of federal data.

"UNT is facing a significant budget challenge," the school said on its website.

To help balance the budget, the school said it would close or consolidate a long list of programs, including undergraduate minors in Africana studies, Asian studies, Mexican American studies, LGBTQ studies, women's and gender studies, and degrees related to linguistics.

Some states have passed laws requiring schools to review and cull programs that yield few degrees. For instance, the University of Toledo cited such a law in Ohio when it suspended admissions to its bachelor's program in Africana studies last year.

And the University of Iowa noted that there were only nine students in the bachelor's program for African American studies when it decided to eliminate the major. It also closed its African American studies program.

But department chairs point out that the cuts are coming at a time when some states have also passed laws restricting courses focused on race or ethnicity.

For instance, a Florida law enacted in 2023 bars core general education classes — select courses required for graduation — from teaching "identity politics." A North Carolina law passed this year generally bars public universities from requiring courses "related to divisive concepts" involving race or gender. And Texas A&M canceled eight courses, citing new policies governing race and gender instruction. The canceled courses included "Introduction to Race and Ethnicity" and several courses focused on diversity.

On the federal level, the Trump administration has attacked diversity, equity and inclusion programs, arguing that they amount to race discrimination that violates civil rights laws. As part of the anti-DEI effort, the administration blocked many research grants related to race.

The Education Department did not respond to a request for comment on the cuts to African American studies programs.

Erica R. Edwards, chair of Black studies at Yale University, said such programs have become a target because "the field is unapologetic in its critiques of fascism, antiblackness, sexism and antitransness, and antiimmigration."

"Given the concerted attempts of our current administration and its allies to suppress history and silence truth, it comes as no surprise that Black Studies programs are facing challenges from the inside — cuts, intense scrutiny, censorship, and consolidation — as well as attacks from the outside," Edwards wrote in an email to The Post.

Some say the cuts are part of a broader ideological attack on the humanities.

"Although conservative attacks on the humanities have recurred periodically over the past several decades, the present moment is markedly different in scale and coordination," said the executive committee for the American Studies Association, a scholarly organization, in a recent public statement.

Neetu Arnold, a policy analyst for the conservative Manhattan Institute, said the cuts are probably driven by low enrollment rather than politics. Still, Arnold said she believes that Black and African American studies departments have blurred the line between scholarship and advocacy.

"It's hypocritical for department chairs to deride the cuts as political when they're the ones who have allowed their departments to become highly politicized hotbeds of scholar-activism," Arnold said.

To be sure, some cuts may be temporary. The University of Louisville in Kentucky paused admissions to three graduate programs, including its Pan-African studies PhD, because of tight funding. But a spokesman said it is likely that admissions will reopen when more funding is available.

And some universities said they are continuing to offer classes and fund research in the field, despite consolidation and other administrative cuts.

Consider Northwestern University in Illinois. The school recently decided to move its African studies program from its research office to its provost's office and eliminate two positions that supported the program. The move received national attention in part because the university says the program, founded in 1948, is the oldest of its kind in the United States.

Despite the changes, a Northwestern spokesman said the program will continue to conduct research, offer a certificate for graduate students, and sponsor both a major and minor for undergraduates.

"None of that is changing — it will all continue," said spokesman Jon Yates. "To be clear: The program is not being downgraded."

Still, more cuts could be coming to African or African American studies programs across the country.

For instance, the University of Georgia said it is evaluating whether to drop low-enrollment programs as part of a regular review.

That includes its African American studies major.

DOLLY PARTON 1946-2026

From ‘rags to rhinestones’ and topping charts, it was Dolly’s world

M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

Dolly Parton performs the song “Hello God” with the help of a church choir at the Country Music Association Awards in 2002 in Nashville.

PARTON FROM **A1**

STEVE SCHAPIRO/GETTY IMAGES

Jane Fonda, left, Ms. Parton, middle, and Lily Tomlin from a scene in the 1980 comedy “9 to 5.”

an international superstar and an unlikely feminist heroine, instantly recognizable for her profusion of sequins and the dramatic proportions of her bust, often accentuated by her skintight clothes. She took no offense, she said, when people made note of her figure. Dolly, the cloned sheep who made global headlines in the 1990s, was so named because her DNA came from a mammary cell.

“I don’t look real,” Ms. Parton conceded. But her taste for glitter and gilt “came from a very serious place,” she told The Washington Post — “just a poor country girl’s idea of glamour.”

One of 12 children whose father supported them, in part, by selling moonshine, Ms. Parton was 5 or 6 years old when she wrote her first song. By the end of her career, she had written more than 3,000 — sometimes scribbling lyrics on dry cleaning receipts and other scraps of paper in her incessant creative drive — and sold more than 100 million records with hits such as “Jolene,” “My Tennessee Mountain Home,” “Coat of Many Colors” and “I Will Always Love You.”

She won 11 Grammy Awards, as well as one for lifetime achievement in 2011, was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1999, received a Living Legend medal from the Library of Congress in 2004 and was awarded the Kennedy Center Honors in 2006. In 2022, she was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Ms. Parton parlayed her musical success into a movie career, starring with Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin in “9 to 5” as overworked office employees who seek vengeance — and fair pay — from their sexist boss. Ms. Parton later played a brothel owner in the musical comedy “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas” (1982) and a Southern beautician, a.k.a. “glamour technician,” in the three-hanky film “Steel Magnolias” (1989).

In a manner that evoked the entrepreneurial spirit of Walt Disney, Ms. Parton conjured a place where fans could escape into her world, opening the Dollywood theme park in 1986. Located in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, it became one of the most popular tourist destinations in the state and a boon to the beleaguered local economy. Dollywood drew millions of visitors with rides and attractions, including a replica of the two-room cabin where Ms. Parton grew up in a holler of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Along with her music royalties, proceeds from the theme park helped make Ms. Parton one of the richest self-made women in the United States, with a fortune estimated by Forbes magazine last year at $450 million.

Described at times as a “secular saint,” Ms. Parton engendered admiration verging on veneration with philanthropic efforts including the Imagination Library, a program launched in her native Sevier County, Tennessee, in 1995. She undertook the project, she said, to spare others the struggles that illiteracy visited upon her father.

In 2016, when wildfires ravaged her region of Tennessee, Ms. Parton announced that she would provide monthly stipends of $1,000 to families left homeless by the disaster. The initiative grew to support 900 families for six months, according to Blue Ridge Public Radio, and delivered a total of $12.5 million to the people of Sevier County.

Amid the coronavirus pandemic, Ms. Parton donated $1 million to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, which helped develop the Moderna vaccine.

When she received the Moderna jab in March 2021, she did so on camera, telling viewers that, at 75, she was “old enough” and “smart enough” to get it. For the occasion, she penned and sang new lyrics to the tune of “Jolene”: “Vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, vaaacine. I’m begging of you, please don’t hesitate …”

In 2022, the parent company of Dollywood announced that it would pay for the tuition, fees and books for any employee who sought higher education. The same year, Ms. Parton received the Courage and Civility Award from Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and his then-partner and now wife, Lauren Sánchez, a recognition that included $100 million for Ms. Parton to distribute to charity in whatever manner she chose. (Bezos is the owner of The Washington Post.)

Ms. Parton’s phenomenal popularity extended across the political spectrum and grew over the years to include feminists who once would have disdained Ms. Parton for her distinctly *not* women’s liberationist outward appearance. She was the rare celebrity treated as royalty both at the Grand Ole Opry and among drag queens, some of whom “look more like me than I do,” she joked.

TRISTAR PICTURES/EVERETT COLLECTION

Ms. Parton, left, and Olympia Dukakis in 1989. Ms. Parton played a Southern beautician, a.k.a. “glamour technician,” in the three-hanky film “Steel Magnolias.”

ED BAILEY/AP

Ms. Parton with her “Steel Magnolias” co-stars at the movie’s New York premiere in 1989. From left, Ms. Parton, Sally Field, Dukakis, Shirley MacLaine, Julia Roberts and Daryl Hannah.

Ms. Parton insisted that she didn’t “do politics,” telling Jad Abumrad, host of the 2019 podcast series “Dolly Parton’s America,” that “I have too many fans on both sides of the fence.” It sometimes seemed, Abumrad said in the podcast, that Ms. Parton offered Americans a rare point of consensus: Who doesn’t love Dolly?

The recognition, journalist Sarah Smarsh argued in her 2020 book, “She Come By It Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs,” was in many ways long overdue.

“Many of her twenty-first-century fans are … ‘discovering’ what was there all along, in plain sight but for the blinders of patriarchy: Parton’s artistry, intellectual depth, and self-fashioned paradoxes that slyly comment on our country’s long-denied caste system (looking ‘cheap,’ say, while by all accounts acting with pure class).”

“Parton projected a sweetly defiant self-possession throughout her career in a man’s world,” Smarsh continued. “One doesn’t get the impression that she expected or cared whether such validation would come. But it’s a magnificent thing to witness — an atonement countless women have deserved but never received, flowering while the woman is alive to see it.”

‘Town tramp’

Dolly Rebecca Parton was born near Sevierville, Tennessee, on Jan. 19, 1946. Her father, Robert Lee Parton, was a sharecropper who later owned a parcel of land. Her mother, Avie Lee Owens, was the daughter of a Pentecostal preacher and married at 15.

The Parton family’s cabin had no indoor plumbing or electricity. The children had no toys. But they did have fiddles and guitars. They also had love, Ms. Parton often recounted. Onstage decades later, she would enter into reveries recalling her parents and the contentment they provided amid deprivation and tragedy including the death of her baby brother.

Ms. Parton grew up wearing dresses fashioned from feed sacks and, in the colder months, a garment that inspired her hit 1971 song “Coat of Many Colors,” about a child who proudly wears

SEE **PARTON** ON **A9**

LESLIE E. KOSSOFF/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Ms. Parton was awarded the Kennedy Center Honors in 2006, joining, from left, Zubin Mehta, Steven Spielberg, Smokey Robinson and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

PARTON FROM **A8**

to school a coat her mother had sewn from rags. The song went:

Although we had no money
I was rich as I could be
In my coat of many colors
My mama made for me

Ridiculing her for her attire, Ms. Parton's classmates locked her in a coat closet, an experience that she said scarred her but later fed her compassion as a songwriter.

She traced her appearance as a performer — the peroxide-blond hair, the heavy makeup and a body-hugging wardrobe that she said invited whippings from her father — to a woman from her childhood she described as a "town tramp."

The woman had "yellow hair piled on top of her head, red lipstick, her eyes all painted up, and her clothes all tight and flashy," Ms. Parton told the magazine Southern Living. "I just thought she was the prettiest thing I'd ever seen. And then when everybody said, 'Oh, she's just trash,' I thought, 'That's what I'm going to be when I grow up! Trash!'"

Musically inclined from a young age, Ms. Parton began playing what she described as a "busted-up mandolin" when she was 6. Two years later, an uncle, Bill Owens, provided her first real guitar. He was a band musician and worked with Ms. Parton on her first recording, "Puppy Love," released in 1959.

He also helped arrange for his niece to appear on a local radio program, which put her on the path to her debut at the Grand Ole Opry when she was 13. Even before then, Ms. Parton said, she had fallen in love with the public.

"This was what I had always wanted — no, needed," she wrote in the memoir "Dolly: My Life and Other Unfinished Business" (1994). "It was the attention I had longed for. I knew what they were giving me. Now I had confidence in what I had to give them."

Ms. Parton was the first member of her family to receive a high school diploma. The day after graduation, she left for Nashville on a Greyhound bus with all of her belongings loaded in grocery bags.

She "was soon so broke she fed herself by stealing food from grocery stores or roaming hotel hallways in search of room-service trays left outside doors for pickup," Smarsh wrote. But in 1965, Ms. Parton signed a contract with Monument Records. One of her first hits was a song that she did not write but that accurately reflected her worldview. The song was called "Dumb Blonde," and it went:

Just because I'm blond,
Don't think I'm dumb
'Cause this dumb blonde ain't nobody's fool

In 1966, Ms. Parton was married to Carl Dean, the owner of a Tennessee asphalt business; they had met on her first day in Nashville outside the Wishy Washy Laundromat. Dean, described by Ms. Parton as a "loner" who preferred rock to her style of music, rarely appeared with his wife in public and continued running his company well after she was an established star.

ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Ms. Parton's Imagination Library has provided more than 300 million free books to young readers.

Ms. Parton and her husband, who died in 2025, had no children. A complete list of survivors was not immediately available. Her brother Floyd Parton, who died in 2018, wrote several songs with Ms. Parton. Her sister Stella Parton became a singer, as did her brother Randy Parton. Her sister Rachel Parton George became an actress, appearing in a TV version of "9 to 5" (as Rachel Dennison).

'Hello, I'm Dolly'

Ms. Parton developed her signature appearance, bewigged and bespangled, early in her career. Even some of her instruments — she played guitar, dulcimer and flute, among others — sported rhinestones.

"You'd be surprised how much it costs to look this cheap," Ms. Parton quipped, referring not only to her glitzy accoutrements but also to her numerous cosmetic surgeries "to fix whatever's saggin', baggin' or draggin'."

Ms. Parton's debut solo album, "Hello, I'm Dolly," was released in 1967. Months later, she joined the pompadoured, Nudie suit-sporting country music singer Porter Wagoner on "The Porter Wagoner Show." At first, many TV viewers resented the absence of her predecessor, Norma Jean. But they soon came around to Ms. Parton, and the show's wide syndication catapulted her and her songs to national renown.

"Her voice is an amazement," journalist Chris Chase wrote in the New York Times in 1976. "In 'Love Is Like a Butterfly,' Dolly's work is itself as sheer and delicate as a butterfly's wings … while in 'Travelin' Man,' she hoots and hollers and drives and mocks. Sometimes she hits a high note and it breaks into pieces, and a little shower of crystally sounds comes down; sometimes she hits low notes soft and furry and filled with loneliness. Her voice can quiver … twang … throb … lift. … It is almost always true and sweet."

During their seven-year professional partnership, Ms. Parton and Wagoner became one of the best known duos in country music, with hits including "The Last Thing on My Mind," which appeared on their 1968 duet album "Just Between You and Me," and "Please Don't Stop Loving Me." Three times they were named vocal group or duo of the year by the Country Music Association.

In the meantime, Ms. Parton continued pursuing a solo career. Having left Monument Records for RCA, she released the single "Just Because I'm a Woman" in 1968, a lament about double standards ("My mistakes are no worse than yours / Just because I'm a woman") that Ms. Parton said was inspired by her husband's dejection when he learned that she had been with other men before their marriage. In 1971, she had her first No. 1 hit with the yodeling "Joshua." In 1975 and again in 1976, she was the CMA's female vocalist of the year.

As Ms. Parton became increasingly successful on her own, her partnership with Wagoner degenerated into an arrangement that she likened to indentured servitude. Despite what by many accounts was Wagoner's controlling behavior, she outstayed her five-year contract with him by two years — and then, in 1974, decided she was done. "I Will Always Love You," with its lines about "bittersweet memories," was her goodbye to him.

"The song came straight from the bottom of my heart," Ms. Parton later reflected in the book "Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics" (written with Robert K. Oermann). "All of those feelings, all of those thoughts, all of those things we had been through, all the things we had been to each other, all of the things we had done to each other, all of that was in one song. I was so emotional I was crying when I was writing it."

Ms. Parton's partnership with Wagoner was long fodder for tabloids, but neither ever confirmed a romantic element to their relationship. After Ms. Parton left his show, Wagoner sued her, essentially claiming that she owed her career to his tutelage. Rather than fight the suit, Ms. Parton settled for $1 million, which she paid off over years. She and Wagoner were said to have reconciled, although she said the lawsuit "broke both our hearts."

AMY HARRIS/AP

Ms. Parton opened Dollywood in 1986 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, where it became one of the state's top tourist destinations.

"I Will Always Love You" went on to become a megahit covered by dozens of musicians, most notably Whitney Houston for the soundtrack of the 1992 movie "The Bodyguard." Elvis Presley asked to record it but demanded half the publishing rights. In one of her most consequential business moves, Ms. Parton refused to relinquish her copyright — a decision, she noted years later, that eventually made her enough money to buy Graceland, Presley's Memphis estate, if she had wanted to buy it.

Ms. Parton wrote another of her most famous songs, the No. 1 hit "Jolene" (1973) around the time that she penned "I Will Always Love You" — possibly on the same day, she later speculated, reviewing records from the time.

Loosely inspired by her husband's flirtatious encounter with a bank employee, the song features a memorable chorus: "Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, I'm begging of you, please don't take my man." It was recorded hundreds of times and, along with "Coat of Many Colors" and "I Will Always Love You," was entered into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

'The way of the mountains'

In 1976, Ms. Parton began appearing in a syndicated television show, "Dolly." The next year, she released her first self-produced album, "New Harvest … First Gathering," which included the hit song "Light of a Clear Blue Morning." She described it as her "song of deliverance":

It's been a long dark night,
And I've been a waitin' for the morning.
It's been a long hard fight,
But I see a brand new day a-dawning.

In 1978, "Here You Come Again" (the song appeared on an album by the same name) brought Ms. Parton her first Grammy Award, for best country vocal performance by a woman.

Many of Ms. Parton's songs were ballads that she self-deprecatingly described as "sad-ass songs." "The Bridge" (1968) tells the story of a pregnant woman, unmarried and abandoned by her lover, who returns to the bridge where they first kissed and contemplates ending her life.

In a similar vein, "Down From Dover" (1969) recounts the anguish of a young woman — rejected by her family because she has become pregnant out of wedlock — who gives birth to a stillborn baby girl. Dying before she was born, the song says, was the child's way of telling her mother that the absent father was not "comin' down from Dover." The song, Ms. Parton recalled, was so controversial that many disc jockeys refused to play it.

One of many songs inspired by real life, "Daddy Come and Get Me" (1970), written with Ms. Parton's aunt, Dorothy Jo Hope, was based, in part, on the story of a woman whose cheating husband, tired of her despair, had her committed to a mental institution.

"That's just the way of the mountains," Ms. Parton told the Times, reflecting on the bleakness in some of her music. "You grow up singing those old sad songs. You don't even think they're sad."

She continued: "I was born with a joyful heart, but I'm extremely sensitive. I hurt deep, and I've hurt a lot in my life. I feel deep for everything I see."

With her 40-20-36 hourglass frame, her acrylic nails, her rhinestones and her wigs ("It's human hair," she said, "but not this human's"), Ms. Parton was not a traditional avatar of the feminist cause. She resisted overt identification with women's liberation, once joking that if she had set fire to her bra it "would have burned for four days." But in the final analysis, she agreed that she had lived the movement's principles.

"I suppose I am a feminist if I believe that women should be able to do anything they want to," Ms. Parton told Time magazine in 2020. She went on: "I just really feel I can live my femininity and actually show that you can be a woman and you can still do whatever you want to do."

Ms. Parton lifted up poor and working women in her music and in her films, especially "9 to 5," whose anthem-like title song won Ms. Parton two Grammy Awards and an Oscar nomination for best original song. (Decades later, she was nominated for a Tony Award for the score of "9 to 5: The Musical.")

Ms. Parton's next Hollywood outing was as Mona Stangley in "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," opposite Burt Reynolds as the local sheriff. During the film's production, Ms. Parton suffered from severe health problems, including endometriosis that required surgery and depression that she said led her to consider suicide.

Amid her struggles, Ms. Parton would lose herself in songwriting, a process that she likened to entering into a trance, during which she would pen as many as 20 songs in two or three days.

"I just kinda get into a place where nothing else exists," she told The Post. "I try to relax and once it starts to come it stirs up my creative juices and then, of course, I'm in that place for as long as I want to write and then I don't quit till I just about fall out. I don't hardly eat anything. I don't sleep. That's called writing binges. That's like my time with God."

Ms. Parton was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1986.

Her other films from that era included "Rhinestone" (1984) with Sylvester Stallone — a flop — and "Straight Talk" (1992), a star vehicle featuring Ms. Parton as a call-in radio show host.

She recorded with Columbia Records and her own labels, Blue Eye and Dolly Records. She collaborated with musicians including Kenny Rogers (they had a major hit with the duet "Islands in the Stream") and won a Grammy in 1987 with Emmylou Harris and Linda Ronstadt for the album "Trio."

In her solo work, Ms. Parton increasingly explored bluegrass, the music of her youth, winning a 2000 Grammy for her album "The Grass Is Blue." Another bluegrass collection, "Little Sparrow," was nominated for a Grammy the following year.

She was nominated for a second Oscar for her song "Travelin' Thru," written for the 2005 film "Transamerica," with Felicity Huffman as a trans woman seeking to form a relationship with her son (played by Kevin Zegers).

In the later years of her career, Ms. Parton won two Grammy Awards, in 2019 and 2020, for the contemporary Christian songs "God Only Knows" and "There Was Jesus." Her first rock album, "Rockstar," was released in 2023.

Ever the entrepreneur, Ms. Parton announced plans in 2021 to release a signature fragrance, called Scent From Above. Around that time, she told the Wall Street Journal that she wore makeup while sleeping on the chance that she would have to hurry out of bed because of a tornado. She said she touched up her Maybelline and Max Factor over the course of the day — at least part of which she would spend, as ever, writing songs.

"This isn't all I am," she remarked to the Times years earlier about her appearance. "It's not even most of what I am. Hopefully people can see beneath the hair to know there's a brain, beneath the boobs to know there's a heart, and behind all the other stuff to know there's some talent."

THE WORLD

TRANQUIL ACE
PANAMA

CN-STR/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Chinese-made vehicles wait to be exported in eastern China earlier this month. Chinese state media praised Canada's decision to walk away from trade talks with the United States and impose retaliatory tariffs.

As the U.S. and Canada clash, China casts itself as a champion of free trade

Beijing tries to appear as stable market against backdrop of chaotic world

BY JOSHUA YANG

As President Donald Trump imposes tariffs on goods from around the world, China is casting itself in a role once claimed by the United States: champion of free trade and stable market in a chaotic world.

Canada's decision to walk away from trade talks and impose retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products, becoming the second nation to do so, drew praise from the first.

A "Chinese-styled counterattack," state media claimed Sunday. "Canada's response offers the world a glimpse of what China has long stood for."

U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said as much last week. Retaliatory tariffs, he said, are "like the kind of things that China would do."

Ottawa and Beijing prepared for this moment. In January, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, looking to reduce his nation's dependence on the United States, struck a deal with Chinese President Xi Jinping on agricultural products and cars.

Carney's visit to Beijing, the first by a Canadian prime minister since 2017, was a signal that the sides were mending a relationship strained by Canada's 2018 arrest of a top Chinese technology executive wanted by the United States and China's subsequent detention of two Canadians.

VINCENT THIAN/AP

In January, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, above, struck a deal with Chinese President Xi Jinping on agricultural products and cars, looking to reduce his nation's dependence on the U.S. Now the deal appears prescient.

Now the deal, in which Ottawa agreed to admit 49,000 Chinese electric vehicles at most-favored-nation tariff rates in exchange for improved access for Canadian canola seed, canola meal, lobsters, crabs and peas, appears prescient.

China signed a free trade agreement with Switzerland last week and waived tariffs on goods from all but one African nation in May.

> *"China seeks to cast itself as a steadying counterweight to an erratic superpower that targets its allies and partners with whipsaw tariffs."*
>
> **Ali Wyne,** a senior U.S.-China researcher with the International Crisis Group

"China seeks to cast itself as a steadying counterweight to an erratic superpower that targets its allies and partners with whipsaw tariffs," said Ali Wyne, a senior U.S.-China researcher with the International Crisis Group.

"The Chinese government is always willing to take advantage of a situation that would weaken the Trump administration's position," said Zongyuan Zoe Liu, a senior fellow for China studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. Beijing has invested heavily invested in foreign development projects and alternative international payment systems to ensure it holds a central position in the global financial system.

Still, Liu said, policymakers will have to walk a delicate balance between challenging U.S. financial dominance and avoiding responsibilities they're not prepared to assume.

As a net exporter — China produces more goods than its own people can buy — the country relies on the rest of the world to buy its products. But it has much to lose from dethroning the U.S. outright.

The U.S. dollar is the global financial system's dominant currency. While the role confers significant advantages, including lower interest rates to the ability to impose effective sanctions, it also requires constant attention: payments infrastructure, bailouts and military power.

Beijing might not want — or be able — to bend the system toward the renminbi. Policymakers "would want the dollar system to work because they themselves can hardly build an alternative system that works as smoothly," Liu said. "China can basically free-ride."

As the trade war deepens, Chinese is already winning.

"We are literally abandoning leadership on our own," Liu said. "China doesn't even need to do anything."

DIGEST

FRANCE

Dozens in small village are injured in tornado

A tornado ripped through a small village in southern France, damaging about 300 homes, destroying several cars and injuring dozens of people, authorities said Tuesday.

The tornado struck Pomas, a village of about 1,000 people, on Monday and rescue teams continued their search through ruins Tuesday, though no people were immediately reported missing.

Authorities said that 39 people were injured.

Alain Bucquet, the head of the local government office, later said 20 of them were hospitalized, with none of them in critical condition as of Tuesday evening. Authorities opened emergency accommodation centers to house displaced residents.

Bucquet said the Pomas school was partially destroyed, but assured residents that the town's children would be able to attend classes in surrounding municipalities starting on the first day of the school year in September.

In the broader Aude department, about 1,400 households were still without electricity Tuesday morning, officials said.

The region was under a thunderstorm alert at the time of the tornado, with wind gusts exceeding 60 mph recorded at a nearby meteorological station. The third stage of the Vuelta a Espana bike race, which was held in southern France on Monday, was halted because of hail.

— Associated Press

INDIA

Sailors still missing one week after wreck

Rescuers searching for 22 missing sailors have found no trace of their Panama-flagged cargo ship after the vessel sank in the Bay of Bengal last week, the Indian Coast Guard said Tuesday.

Search aircraft and ships were scouring the area where the cargo ship MV Ocean Winner reportedly sunk Saturday about 276 miles from the Paradip coast of India's eastern Odisha state.

The joint search by the Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy has been complicated by the area's exceptionally deep waters and found only an oil slick and two life rafts near the vessel's last known position, officials said.

The lack of wreckage has hampered efforts to determine the cause of the sinking and where to focus search operations, authorities said.

The vessel transporting iron ore to China was carrying 24 crew members, including 20 Chinese nationals, three Myanmar nationals and one Bangladeshi, according to the coast guard. Two Chinese crew members were rescued Saturday following a distress call from the ship, the coast guard said.

— Associated Press

LIBYA

Bodies of at least 6 migrants found

Libya's security authorities recovered the bodies of at least six migrants in the southeast of the country after their vehicle broke down in the desert, the Alwahat Security Directorate said in a statement on Tuesday.

The Directorate said the bodies were recovered in a desert area about 124 miles northwest of the town of Jalu.

Libya has become a transit route for migrants fleeing conflict and poverty to Europe via dangerous routes across the desert and over the Mediterranean since the toppling of former leader Moammar Gaddafi in a NATO-backed uprising in 2011.

Two bodies were found inside the broken-down vehicle, three more were found about 2½ miles from the vehicle, and one body was found about six miles away, after tracking their footprints, the Directorate said.

According to the vehicle documents, its owner was from Chad, the Directorate said.

— Reuters

Tens of thousands of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar living in dozens of camps in Bangladesh held a rally Tuesday to demand their safe return to their home state, nine years after they fled a government crackdown. The demonstrators urged the international community to ensure security in Rakhine state.

Former Armenian President Robert Kocharyan and his eldest son were detained after law enforcement officers raided businesses linked to the family, the country's Anti-Corruption Committee said. A case was opened against Kocharyan, 71, who leads parliament's second-largest opposition bloc, on charges of abuse of authority, bribery and large-scale money laundering, according to Armenia's Prosecutor General's Office.

— From news services

CIA director makes rare, unannounced visit to Moscow

Trip comes as Ukraine has stepped up attacks deep inside Russia

BY ALEX HORTON, MICHAEL BIRNBAUM, WARREN P. STROBEL AND JOYCE SOHYUN LEE

CIA Director John Ratcliffe was in Moscow on Tuesday, people familiar with the matter said, for a rare visit by a U.S. spy agency chief as Russia slogs through its fifth year of war in Ukraine.

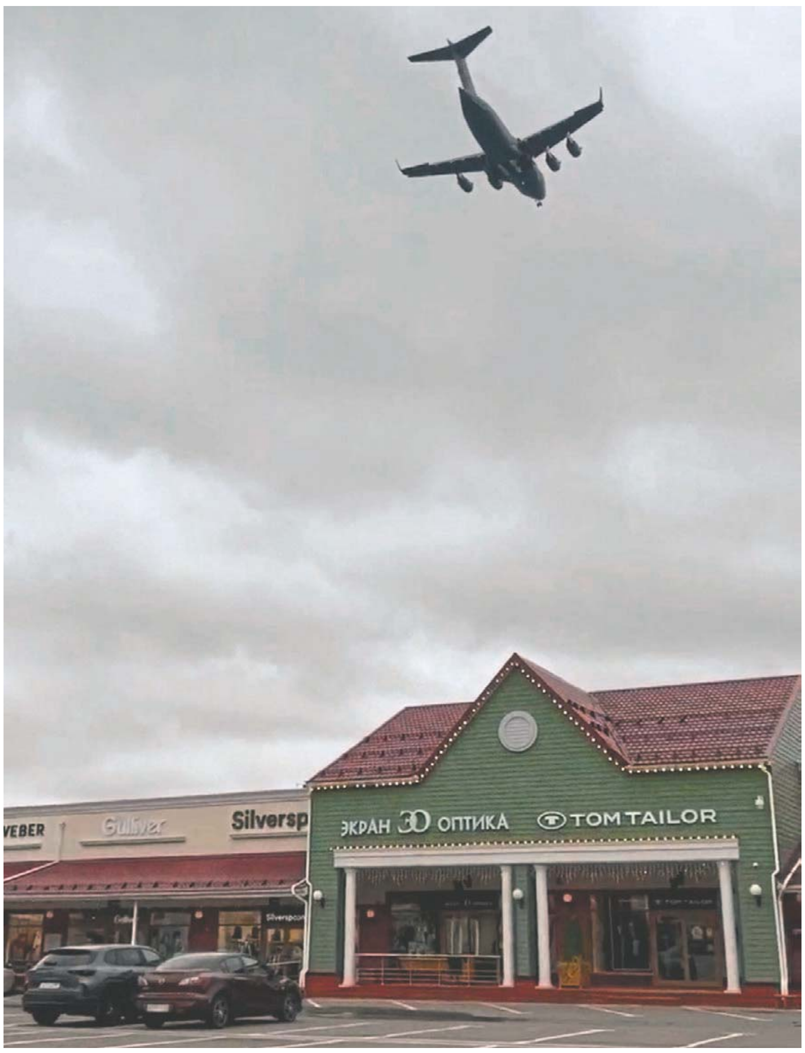
U.S. officials had not announced Ratcliffe's trip, but publicly available flight tracking data captured the movement of a U.S. government transport plane from Joint Base Andrews on the outskirts of Washington to the Russian capital. The aircraft departed Moscow about eight and a half hours later, tracking data from Flightradar24 shows.

Spokespeople for the CIA, the Pentagon and the U.S. Air Force declined to comment. The White House did not respond to a request for comment. Those familiar with Ratcliffe's trip to Russia spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the visit.

It was not immediately clear what the trip's purpose was or whether any other senior U.S. officials were part of the U.S. delegation.

Ratcliffe's visit to Moscow coincided with a fraught period in U.S.-Russia relations. Russia and Ukraine have stepped-up long-range strikes on each other's territory with no end to the war in sight. Some analysts have warned that Russian President Vladimir Putin might escalate with military probes against Europe's Baltic countries or other NATO members, which could precipitate a new crisis.

The two superpowers are on opposite sides of the Iran conflict. Iran is Moscow's most important ally in the Middle East, and Russia has provided Tehran targeting intelligence on the location of U.S. military assets in the region. The U.S. Treasury on Monday unveiled a sweeping campaign of sanctions and diplomatic pressure meant to asphyxiate Iran's economy.



SOCIAL MEDIA/REUTERS

A screenshot from a social media video shows a U.S. plane approaching Moscow on Tuesday.

The Kremlin was mum about the visit. Spokesman Dmitry Peskov initially said the Kremlin had no information about the U.S. military aircraft that arrived at Moscow's Vnukovo International Airport. The Russian side has no plans to meet with representatives of the U.S. administration this week, he said.

ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES

The purpose of the trip taken by CIA Director John Ratcliffe, seen above at the White House in April, was not immediately clear.

Peskov did not immediately respond to a request for further comment after news broke that Ratcliffe was aboard the plane.

Ratcliffe's visit to Russia was reported earlier by CBS News.

The last known visit by a CIA director to Moscow was in November 2021, when William J. Burns, who led the agency under President Joe Biden, warned Putin and his top aides not to attack Ukraine and spelled out what the consequences would be. Moscow launched its full-scale invasion within weeks.

Ratcliffe's visit to Moscow came as Ukrainian long-range strikes into Russia, including the capital, have targeted energy infrastructure and online retail facilities, unnerving the population. Russia also has stepped up drone and missile strikes on Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, and elsewhere, exploiting shortfalls of air-defense resources.

President Donald Trump, at a NATO summit in Turkey in July, appeared to grant Ukraine's long-standing request that it be able to produce U.S.-designed Patriot air-defense missiles on its soil. He later backed away from that promise.

The U.S. aircraft that arrived in Moscow, a C-17A Globemaster III, is the Defense Department's workhorse heavy transport plane. The airframe is especially valuable for sensitive diplomatic visits, allowing leaders to bring a tailored suite of specialized vehicles, electronic equipment and support personnel.

The C-17A departed from Joint Base Andrews on Sunday evening, bound for Riga, Latvia, according to tracking data from Flightradar24. The plane appeared to stay in Latvia for a 24-hour layover before departing for Moscow on Tuesday morning, landing shortly after 9 a.m.

A second U.S. Air Force plane, a C-40B, also took off from Joint Base Andrews and landed in Riga several hours after the C-17A's arrival in the country.

Publicly available flight tracking data does not show the C-40B on the next flight to Moscow. The aircraft is a modified business jet used to transport senior government officials.

A video shared on social media Tuesday and geolocated by The Washington Post showed a motorcade of cars, some with red diplomatic plates, driving east on New Arbat Avenue in central Moscow near a Russian armed forces building.

The C-17A took off from Moscow shortly after 5:30 p.m. local time and landed in Riga a little more than an hour later, data from Flightradar24 shows.

Natalia Abbakumova contributed to this report.

China pushes back on Trump's plan to 'economically asphyxiate' Tehran

CHINA FROM **A1**

tween Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping at the White House in late September.

"China will do everything necessary to firmly safeguard its rights and interests," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian said Tuesday, criticizing what he described as "illicit unilateral sanctions that have no basis in international law."

Analysts say the rebuke is a warning sign that further actions could derail the fragile truce built between Washington and Beijing.

"Washington has a difficult needle to thread: isolating Iran economically while trying to keep U.S.-China relations stable," said Wendy Cutler, a former U.S. trade negotiator and now senior vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute.

"Depending on how far the U.S. goes, it's not out of the question that Beijing would threaten to cancel or postpone Xi's planned U.S. visit next month," she said.

China is the primary buyer of Iran's oil, importing an estimated 1.4 million barrels a day before the war, largely through an unreported shadow network of hundreds of tankers operating outside normal legal channels.

Economically isolating Iran from that support would be difficult, requiring far-reaching sanctions on Chinese banks and refineries, and perhaps including military and investigative resources to disrupt an ever-shifting network of hundreds of Chinese-linked shipping firms and shell companies spread across Asia and the Middle East.

CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Monday announced wide-ranging sanctions against Iran.

Bessent on Monday said the "economic D-Day" sanctions will be "the single greatest financial offensive ever" against Iran and will target countries that support Iran's economy to sever the "economic lifeline that sustains Tehran."

He suggested that China would not be exempt from the penalties.

"If they facilitate transactions and are part of the ecosystem that turns Iranian oil into money, into repression, they will be targeted. … We want to make clear here today that no one is above the reach of U.S. sanctions."

Without naming Beijing, Bessent said the U.S. Treasury is prepared to engage in "frank discussions" with relevant countries to shut down Iran's oil sector.

Lin, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, defended China's cooperation with Tehran on Tuesday, saying it is "conducted within the framework of international law" and "should not be disrupted."

Chinese banks play a key role in the Iranian oil trade, including financing smaller refineries that purchase and process Iranian oil.

Asked directly on Monday whether the U.S. would target Chinese banks, Bessent warned that no group was out of reach but offered that "the best way to engage with countries is through quiet diplomacy."

In an earlier action in April, Bessent said he had sent letters to two unnamed "larger" Chinese banks warning they could face secondary sanctions if Iranian money was found flowing through their accounts. Days later, the Treasury Department placed sanctions on Hengli Petrochemical, one of China's largest independent refineries, for buying Iranian oil.

Beijing's Commerce Ministry responded aggressively, taking the unprecedented step in May of ordering Chinese banks and companies not to comply with U.S. sanctions on five refiners, calling them "unjustified extraterritorial" laws that "shall not be recognized, implemented or complied with."

Beijing has long sought to build a parallel financial system that reduces its exposure to the dollar and U.S. sanctions. But its arsenal of countermeasures — including the blocking measure from May — has limits. China's government can shield companies from penalties at home but cannot insulate them from losing access to the dollar, global insurance or U.S. markets.

"China's appetite for risk in opposing American [sanctions] will depend on how confident they are that collateral damage to the Chinese economy can be contained and U.S.-China relations kept from dangerous escalatory spirals," said Isaac Kardon, adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Beyond banks and refineries, Washington has already attempted this year to crack down on the shadow maritime network trading in oil and chemicals between China and Iran, imposing sanctions on dozens of vessels and shipping entities, and seizing sanctioned ships carrying Iranian oil. But analysts say those efforts represent a game of maritime whack-a-mole, as targeted networks adapt quickly.

In one such raid in April, when U.S. forces commandeered the Tehran-bound ship Touska, which had docked at a Chinese port known as a loading point for chemicals used as rocket-fuel precursors, Trump said U.S. authorities found "a gift from China" on the ship, "which wasn't very nice."

That seizure temporarily spiked oil prices but did little to upset relations between Beijing and Washington, as the two leaders met with friendly fanfare the following month.

But Bessent's new maximum pressure sanctions campaign could have deeper impacts, analysts say, beyond just a canceled summit.

"In light of the retaliatory toolbox Beijing has been building in recent years, it has many levers to pull to harm U.S. interests, including export restrictions, sanctions on U.S. companies, and slowing down or even halting U.S. agricultural purchases," said Cutler, the former U.S. trade negotiator.

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness
wp

The Washington Post | Store

Carry the Story

From morning coffee to daily errands, show your love for journalism everywhere you go. These everyday essentials blend function and Post pride. Perfect for work, home, or gifting.

M121912x3

The U.S. is escalating its economic war on Iran. Here's what that means.

Tehran's top trade partners include China, Iraq, Turkey and the UAE

BY SAMMY WESTFALL AND JOSHUA YANG

MAJID ASGARIPOUR/REUTERS

A banner depicting the late Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Tehran on Aug. 4. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announced expanded sanctions against Iran on Monday.

After 10 weeks of stalled efforts to build President Donald Trump's initial agreement with Iran into a broader deal to end the war, open the Strait of Hormuz and come to a nuclear settlement, the United States this week unveiled "Operation Economic Outcast." The campaign of expanded sanctions and diplomatic pressure is aimed at further isolating Tehran, in part by imposing penalties on its remaining trade partners.

Nearly half a year after the U.S. and Israel launched the war, which has killed scores of senior Iranian leaders, cut off nearly all oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz and sent the global economy reeling, Washington has reached again for one of its favorite tools in its arsenal.

Announcing the campaign Monday, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent used forceful language, but declined to specify which countries would be targeted or when new penalties on Iran's trading partners would take effect.

Here's what to know about how the sanction could work, and what impact they could have.

What is the stated goal of the sanctions?

Using the analogy of the D-Day invasion from World War II, Bessent said the U.S. "in that same spirit," would launch an "economic onslaught" against Iran's economy and "sever every economic lifeline" that sustains its regime.

The U.S. used to be "managing the Iranian threat," he said. Now, "we are ending it."

Iran is already under extensive sanctions that have isolated it from much of the global financial system.

To impose still more pressure, the department said it mapped the networks, facilitators and channels Iran uses to evade sanctions and smuggle oil — and is expanding the categories of conduct that may be subject to future secondary sanctions. It also said it was privately "engaging" partners around the world to stop any Iran-related activity, before imposing broader secondary sanctions, without providing a deadline Monday. He said the U.S. would enforce a "zero-leakage" approach.

Iran's top trading partners include China, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey and Iraq.

The goal is to give Iran a clear choice: "complete global isolation and a subsistence economy, or a path back to normalcy," Bessent said.

When would the sanctions take effect?

Analysts said the announcement serves as little more than a stern warning until it comes into force, and its details are fully expounded.

The U.S. already had a policy of "maximum pressure" on Iran, said Richard Nephew, a senior research scholar at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy.

"If you've not already been" doing that, then what has the U.S. government "been doing for the last 19 months?" he asked.

In response to a question over why the sanctions were not taking immediate effect, Bessent said he is "giving everyone the opportunity to remedy bad behavior. Why would I want to blow up the global financial system?"

Bessent said Trump is privately contacting world leaders to demand that they support the U.S. in choking off Iran economically. However, he would not identify the leaders contacted or provide a deadline for action, only saying that the U.S. did not have "infinite patience."

Bessent's answer was one of the most "telling" things about the announcement, Nephew said. "Does that mean in six months he is prepared to blow up your international financial systems?"

"We are lacking any degree of seriousness from these guys," Nephew added. He said he thinks that when the officials "sat down and thought about what it would be to impose" the sanctions they had in mind, they "got really scared. And said, 'let's just make this a warning and go from there.'"

What do the sanctions target?

The Treasury Department said it is adding five sectors of Iran's economy to its target list: cryptocurrency used by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and regime insiders, weapons-related technologies, gold used to stabilize Iranian currency, Iran's airlines and national shipping that carries weapons components and oil.

In addition, it announced sanctions on 60 entities, individuals and vessels that enable Iran to procure nuclear or missile technology, conduct cyber operations and sell oil.

Behnam Ben Taleblu, a senior director of the Iran programs at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a Washington think tank that advocates for intensive Iran sanctions, said he believes Bessent's announcement is a "shot across the bow" and a "promissory note" with the potential to have major impact on Iran.

The emphasis is on eroding "facilitators from companies and illicit networks" and new, more "granular" determinations across sectors that have proved "more resilient" in the face of past sanctions, he said.

"If Washington goes through with this," including enforcement against countries that deal with Iran, "it will be a measure of seriousness," he said.

How would they work?

The Iranians have learned how to operate under a maximal U.S. sanctions effort, with banks, companies and entire industrial sectors considered off-limits to vast swaths of the international financial system.

"Everyone that they're doing business with has accepted for years that this is a risk of doing business, and they're okay with that, because they make a lot of money," Nephew said. "It is not apparent to me, based on what happened today, that any of those counterparties now believes the Trump administration."

"All those financial institutions that are thus far prepared to do business with a heavily sanctioned jurisdiction are going to continue seeing the value of doing so," he said.

Even before the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran in February, economic frustrations worsened by international isolation drove mass protests late last year, in which millions of Iranians took to the streets, sparking a violent government crackdown. In recent months, the U.S. blockade on Iranian ports, appeared to be "taking it up a significant notch," and the threatened sanctions would only add to that pressure, said Naysan Rafati, senior Iran analyst for the International Crisis Group.

"The Iranian government may sound bullish on their capacity to absorb the pain," Rafati said. "But the pain is already there … And it is going to increase across the board."

The United Arab Emirates announced last week that it would suspend all trade and financial transactions with Iran — a trade decision that came after the UAE accused Iran of firing ballistic missiles at the Emirates, and after a call between Trump and his Emirati counterpart, Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, earlier that day.

Nephew said the UAE's announcement is "material and significant," but that "the devil's in the details" on whether or not the country will execute.

ATTA KENARE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

An excavator works on rebuilding the Gachin Bridge in Bandar Khamir, Iran, on Aug. 11. Even before the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran in February, economic frustrations worsened by international isolation drove mass protests late last year.

How could the sanctions affect China?

Bessent did not directly address the question of whether the U.S. will cross new lines with China — the largest importer of Iranian oil — before President Xi Jinping is due for a state visit to Washington in September.

Asked whether Chinese entities that facilitate Beijing's purchases of Iranian oil would be among those targeted, Bessent said: "no one is above the reach of U.S. sanctions."

Monday's sanctions are set to target a handful of firms based in Hong Kong and mainland China, but do not include large oil refineries or financial institutions.

Operation Economic Blackout is "fairly consistent" with previous sanctions on small Chinese firms, said Zongyuan Zoe Liu, a senior fellow for China studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. "I wouldn't interpret this as a major escalation."

Washington's limited approach comes in part from a reluctance to open a new front in the U.S.-China trade war, said Ali Wyne, a senior U.S.-China researcher and advocacy advisor for International Crisis Group. "Given how keen Trump has been to maintain both a trade truce between the United States and China and his personal rapport with Xi, he seems unlikely to empower Bessent to target major Chinese financial institutions."

But Operation Economic Blackout is also unlikely to deter China's relations with Iran, given that most major Chinese institutions already refrain from violating sanctions on Iran. "I wouldn't blame Treasury for not identifying any bigger fish, because the bigger fish … already excluded themselves from Iranian-related trade," Liu said.

"China has made clear on many occasions its firm opposition to illicit unilateral sanctions that have no basis in international law," Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Lin Jian said in a news conference Tuesday, adding that Beijing would take "everything necessary" to safeguard its interests.

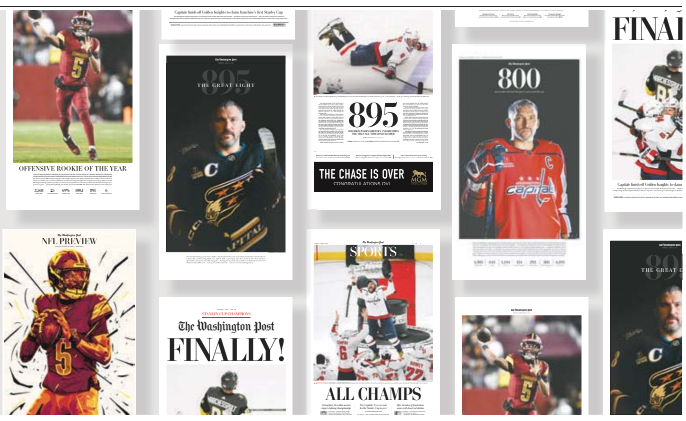
Rachel Chason, Riley Beggin, David J. Lynch and Aoife Walsh contributed to this report.

The Washington Post | Store

Historic moments. Printed Bold.

Relive legendary Washington sports milestones with high-quality Washington Post reprint posters. Perfect for fans, collectors, and anyone who loves the game.

M121912x3



ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Why Target's now-pulled Halloween clown costume caused such an uproar

Michelle Singletary

THE COLOR OF MONEY

As a parent who has purchased my share of scary Halloween costumes, I was particularly disturbed by the controversy now engulfing Target.

The retailer is being berated on social media for a gaffe (if we are to believe it was a gross misjudgment) that many feel harks back to blackface.

Target quickly removed the contents of a webpage featuring a Black boy in a Halloween clown costume resembling a minstrel caricature.

The item was listed under Target's in-house Hyde & EEK! Boutique brand as the "Kids' Glows Under Blacklight Circus Clown Halloween Costume."

In the photo, the boy is wearing a matching top and pants with orange-and-black zigzag stripes (think jack-o'-lantern pattern), black gloves and a hood attachment with a tiny top hat. Instead of a traditional painted clown's face, the costume featured a mask with shockingly oversize teeth and a grinning smile.

The kid looked like a miniature Sambo-style caricature, a trope that still makes me mad. It was part of a degrading history that should stay in the past, one where Black people were depicted as baboonish clowns. To understand today's outrage, you have to know how these characters were used to justify treating Black Americans as second-class citizens.

BLOOMBERG

A Target store in Emeryville, California. Target quickly removed the contents of a webpage featuring a Black boy in a clown costume resembling a minstrel caricature.

Blackface imagery was prominent during the Jim Crow era and featured on postcards, cookie jars and other retail items that showed exaggerated dark faces with bright red or white grinning lips. There were "pickaninny" characters showing Black children with unkempt clothes and hair.

Who in the world would have approved that costume? How did it ever make it into the retailer's offerings?

"As a company, we know we got this wrong, and we are deeply sorry," Target said in a statement in response to my inquiry. "The costume is offensive and should never have been part of our assortment. It is no longer available for sale. We know this is especially hurtful for our Black guests, team members, and partners. Removing the costume is an important first step, and the company is looking closely at how this happened and what needs to change to ensure this won't happen again."

Despite the mea culpa, the backlash has been stinging, as it should be.

Many people have pointed out that the child model is positioned with his body and hands in a way similar to the cover illustration of an early 19th-century piece of sheet music titled "Mr. T. Rice as the Original Jim Crow." Rice was Thomas D. Rice, a White man who performed in blackface.

These blackface acts — performed first by White actors and later by Black ones — were supposed to be comic relief, but there was nothing humorous about entertainment used to mock millions of disenfranchised Black Americans being denied their civil and economic rights.

I do need to note that the Black actors who ended up performing such roles faced a painful paradox. To get work, they had to play the "step-and-fetch-it" characters. For many, the choice was a matter of economic survival.

"Target put a Black child in a snaggletooth grin and a minstrel mask, priced it at $25, and called it a Halloween costume," one user wrote on Threads. "Now here's the apology: 'we got this wrong.' Nah yo, you didn't get it wrong. Blackface has been American entertainment for 150 years, and this passed every desk on the way to the shelf. That's not a slip or a mistake, that's a reflex."

The Instagram account for the Afrocentric Films Collaborative, which says it promotes positive stories and images about Black culture and the African Diaspora, asked: "We still shopping at Target?"

For context, it always comes down to the money — or more specifically, the systemic, institutionalized racial discrimination that Black Americans have experienced.

As I wrote in my award-winning series on race and money, "Sincerely, Michelle," Jim Crow was never a laughing matter.

When the institution of slavery ended, it was replaced by officially sanctioned economic oppression. What came next were local and federal laws that kept Black Americans from equal access to jobs that could have elevated their income enough to allow them to build generational wealth.

"The legacies of slavery, Jim Crow, and the New Deal — as well as the limited funding and scope of anti-discrimination agencies — are some of the biggest contributors to inequality in America," says a 2019 report by the Center for American Progress. "Together, these policy decisions concentrated workers of color in chronically undervalued occupations, institutionalized racial disparities in wages and benefits, and perpetuated employment discrimination. As a result, stark and persistent racial disparities exist in jobs, wages, benefits, and almost every other measure of economic well-being."

Folks are wondering whether this costume debacle slipped through because of Target's pullback on its diversity, equity and inclusion policies. The retailer pointed out in its 10-K SEC filing for the fiscal year that ended in January 2026 that such changes carried a business risk.

"In 2025, we announced that we modified and concluded certain of our initiatives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, which resulted in adverse reactions from some of our shareholders, guests, team members, and others, as well as consumer boycotts organized throughout 2025," according to the filing.

The company added that being more inclusive could "result in negative reactions" from "governmental entities." At the same time, Target also said it was concerned that moving away from DEI policies could lead to negative publicity.

I get it. Target is trying to insulate itself from an administration that has attacked DEI policies, while serving a diverse customer base crucial to its bottom line.

But this misstep was wholly avoidable.

You can't find the costume image on Target's site. Search, and you find this: "We're sorry! This page is currently unavailable. Please try again later."

That last line says far more than the retailer realized.

Yes, try again. Do better.

Markets rise as a drop in oil prices reins in concerns about high inflation

BY STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil prices fell again Tuesday, which helped ease worries in the bond market and support stock prices.

The S&P 500 rose 0.3 percent and edged a bit closer to its all-time high set earlier this month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 160 points, or 0.3 percent, and the Nasdaq composite climbed 0.7 percent.

Some of the strongest action was in the oil market, where the price for a barrel of Brent crude fell 3.6 percent to $87.27 for a second decline following 13 gains in 14 days. The drop came even though tensions between the United States and Iran seemed to ratchet higher after the Trump administration announced new sanctions to further hurt Iran's economy.

Brent's price zigzagged between $72 and $102 last month as hopes rose and fell that the U.S. and Iran could reach a deal that would allow oil tankers to freely exit the Persian Gulf again.

A delegation from Pakistan left Iran on Tuesday after talks with Iran's president on reopening the Strait of Hormuz and reviving negotiations to end the Iran-U.S. conflict, the Pakistani military said. Pakistan Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said a meeting with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian had been "very positive and productive."

Tuesday's drop in oil prices reined in worries about high inflation, which had helped drive Treasury yields higher in the bond market through the summer. Yields had gotten so high that the Treasury Department announced a surprise move last week to increase its repurchases of longer-term Treasury notes and bonds.

High yields make borrowing more expensive for everyone and can slow the economy's growth while undercutting prices for stocks, cryptocurrencies and other investments.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.63 percent from 4.70 percent late Monday and from 4.74 percent at the end of last week. That's a significant move for the bond market, though the 10-year yield remains firmly above its 3.97 percent level from before the war with Iran sent oil prices and worries about inflation much higher.

On Wall Street, Nvidia and other winners of the boom in artificial-intelligence technology helped lead the way. Nvidia rose 2.2 percent a day after its drop of 2.9 percent was the heaviest weight on the S&P 500.

AI stocks have veered up and down through the summer on worries that their prices shot too high and that the AI boom may not be sustainable if it doesn't produce enough profits for companies. Nvidia will report its latest quarterly results on Wednesday, which could help steer the next move for AI-related stocks.

The gains for chip stocks helped offset a 30.7 percent plunge for Dick's Sporting Goods, its worst drop on record, after the retailer reported weaker results for the latest quarter than analysts expected. Executive Chairman Ed Stack said the retailer cut prices on some of its footwear and apparel to remain competitive, while launches for some footwear during the quarter ended up being weaker than it expected.

The company also cut its forecast for an underlying measure of profit in 2026 for both its Dick's and Foot Locker businesses. Dick's spent $2.4 billion last year to acquire Foot Locker.

All told, the S&P 500 rose 24.42 points to 7,677.28. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 160.24 to 53,577.40, and the Nasdaq composite climbed 171.11 to 26,151.30.

DIGEST

TECHNOLOGY

SpaceX to build $100B spaceport in Louisiana

Elon Musk's space company plans to spend $100 billion to build a massive spaceport in Louisiana to launch rockets, state officials and the company announced Tuesday.

Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry (R) said the deal was a big win for the state and country, likening the impact of the new launch site to the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Musk was not there, but he appeared with Landry in a promotional video that played before the governor's speech. SpaceX President and Chief Operating Officer Gwynne Shotwell also spoke at the event.

The spaceport would be located on 125,000 acres of land formerly owned by Exxon along Louisiana's southern coast about 200 miles west of New Orleans in Vermilion Parish. The location provides key advantages, state officials said, including access to abundant natural gas and the ability to launch to a wide range of trajectories.

It would be the company's fourth and largest launch site, playing a key role in ramping up missions of its reusable Starship launch system, according to a news release from Louisiana Economic Development. SpaceX wants to dramatically increase rocket launches as it aims to put more satellites in orbit. The Louisiana site could support thousands of launches each year, the news release said.

State lawmakers had approved sizable tax incentives for the project.

Anne Rolfes, director of the environmental advocacy group, the Louisiana Bucket Brigade, said she was worried the state was moving too fast with a project that would "irrevocably alter" the state's fragile coastline. Construction is expected to begin in 2027, with the first launch targeted for as early as 2029, according to state officials.

— Associated Press

PHARMACEUTICALS

Bristol Meyers Squibb ends partnership

Bristol Myers Squibb has ended its partnership with cell therapy start-up Cellares to expand the manufacturing of its personalized blood cancer therapy, a company spokesperson told Reuters on Tuesday.

Bristol Myers determined that Cellares's cell therapy manufacturing platform, Cell Shuttle, could not meet the requirements to make its CAR-T therapy, Breyanzi, at commercial scale, the spokesperson said. Cellares did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

The development underscores the challenges of manufacturing CAR-T therapies, a personalized form of cancer treatment that has transformed care for some blood cancer patients but remains difficult and expensive to produce.

Breyanzi, first approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2021, is used to treat lymphoma and other blood cancers. It generated $1.36 billion in sales in 2025.

Endpoints News first reported the development.

Cellares CEO Fabian Gerlinghaus had disclosed the loss of a "large pharmaceutical customer" in a LinkedIn post over the weekend, adding that this will force the company to "resize" its workforce.

The start-up did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the layoffs.

The companies signed a deal in 2024 worth up to $380 million under which Bristol Myers reserved manufacturing capacity across the U.S., the European Union and Japan for CAR-T therapies.

Bristol Myers's decision applies only to Breyanzi and its approved manufacturing process.

CAR-T therapies work by removing a patient's immune cells, reprogramming them in a lab to fight cancer, and infusing them back into the body.

— Reuters

ROBOTICS

Humanoid robot sets 100m sprint record

A Chinese humanoid robot set a 100-meter sprint record of 8.86 seconds in Beijing on Tuesday, beating its robot competitors — and the fastest recorded human time.

The race was part of China's World Humanoid Robot Games, an Olympic-style competition in its second year in Beijing. The event is also a showcase for China's rapid advances in robotics amid an intensifying technology rivalry with the U.S.

The previous robot record of 9.39 seconds had been set just three days earlier, on Saturday.

For comparison, the men's 100-meter world record is 9.58 seconds, set by Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt in 2009.

The record-breaking robot fell after crossing the finish line and crashed into a padded barrier.

— Associated Press

Self-driving technology company Waymo said Tuesday that it would begin testing its autonomous vehicles in Munich in the coming weeks, laying the groundwork for a commercial ride-hailing service in Germany that it aims to launch toward the end of 2027. Waymo said its vehicles would initially drive manually across Munich to map local roads and test with trained specialists behind the wheel.

— From news services

Canada announces retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products as trade war deepens

BY **RILEY BEGGIN**

Canada struck back at the United States on Tuesday, announcing new tariffs of up to 50 percent on hundreds of American goods and deepening a trade war between the two longtime allies that has been simmering since President Donald Trump returned to the White House last year.

Beginning Sept. 8, Canada will double its tariffs on American steel and aluminum from 25 percent to 50 percent. And it will impose tariffs ranging from 15 percent to 50 percent on about 700 other products, including fish, milk and food products, plywood, plastics, aluminum foil, appliances, agricultural equipment, motorcycles and electronics.

The move — promised Saturday by Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney — came in response to the imposition last week of 50 percent U.S. tariffs on about $20 billion in Canadian goods, including whisky, dairy products, toys, clothing and hockey sticks. After talks in Washington to avert those levies unexpectedly collapsed, Carney promised that Canada would retaliate "dollar for dollar."

"You're at war when you're attacked, and we got attacked," he told Canadians on Saturday. "We're going to hit back."

On Tuesday, Canadian Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne provided the details, saying the new "countertariffs are designed primarily to provide protection for Canadian industry impacted by U.S. tariffs and allow them to compete against U.S. products in the Canadian market."

With two weeks until the tariffs take effect, the two sides have time to prevent a further escalation in economic hostilities. But it was unclear Tuesday whether any further meetings had been set.

In fact, Trump spent Tuesday morning targeting Canada in a series of social media posts. He complained that "Canada has been 'Ripping Off' the U.S.A. for decades." He wrote that "I deal with many countries, and Canada is easily the most difficult and unreasonable. They feel entitled, but they are not a State, and will be entitled no longer!"

And he wrote that he is "giving serious consideration" to changing the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America "in that we don't expect to be doing much business with Ontario any longer."

Trump was also posting about Canada on Monday, when he threatened a new round of higher tariffs on Canadian cars, trucks, auto parts and steel to take effect Jan. 1.

The U.S. tariffs had applied to just 5 percent of the $382 billion in Canadian goods that the U.S. imported last year, and Canada's retaliatory tariffs impact around 6 percent of the $333 billion in U.S. goods exported to Canada. But the two economies remain top trading partners.

"It's going to be felt," said Mary Lovely, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, especially in the targeted industries and states, which will likely put pressure on the Trump administration to strike a deal. "Canada is a good market for U.S. producers."

The new trade war between the U.S. and Canada is a marked change from the long-standing close relationship between the North American allies, which annually exchange more than $700 billion in goods. Tensions between the Trump administration and Canadian officials have been simmering since Trump upended the country's traditional trade relationships in an effort to reduce U.S. reliance on global imports and increase exports.

Trump officials have repeatedly expressed frustration that Canada has been the only nation besides China to retaliate for Trump's tariffs. Carney has presented himself as one of the few world leaders willing to stand up to Trump's demands, unlike other longtime U.S. partners. The European Union and Britain have both cut deals with the administration in the face of Trump's tariff threats.

Last week, Carney told reporters that he would end trade negotiations with the Trump administration rather than accept a list of concessions. "We cannot accept what they offered, and we will not give what they've asked," Carney said.

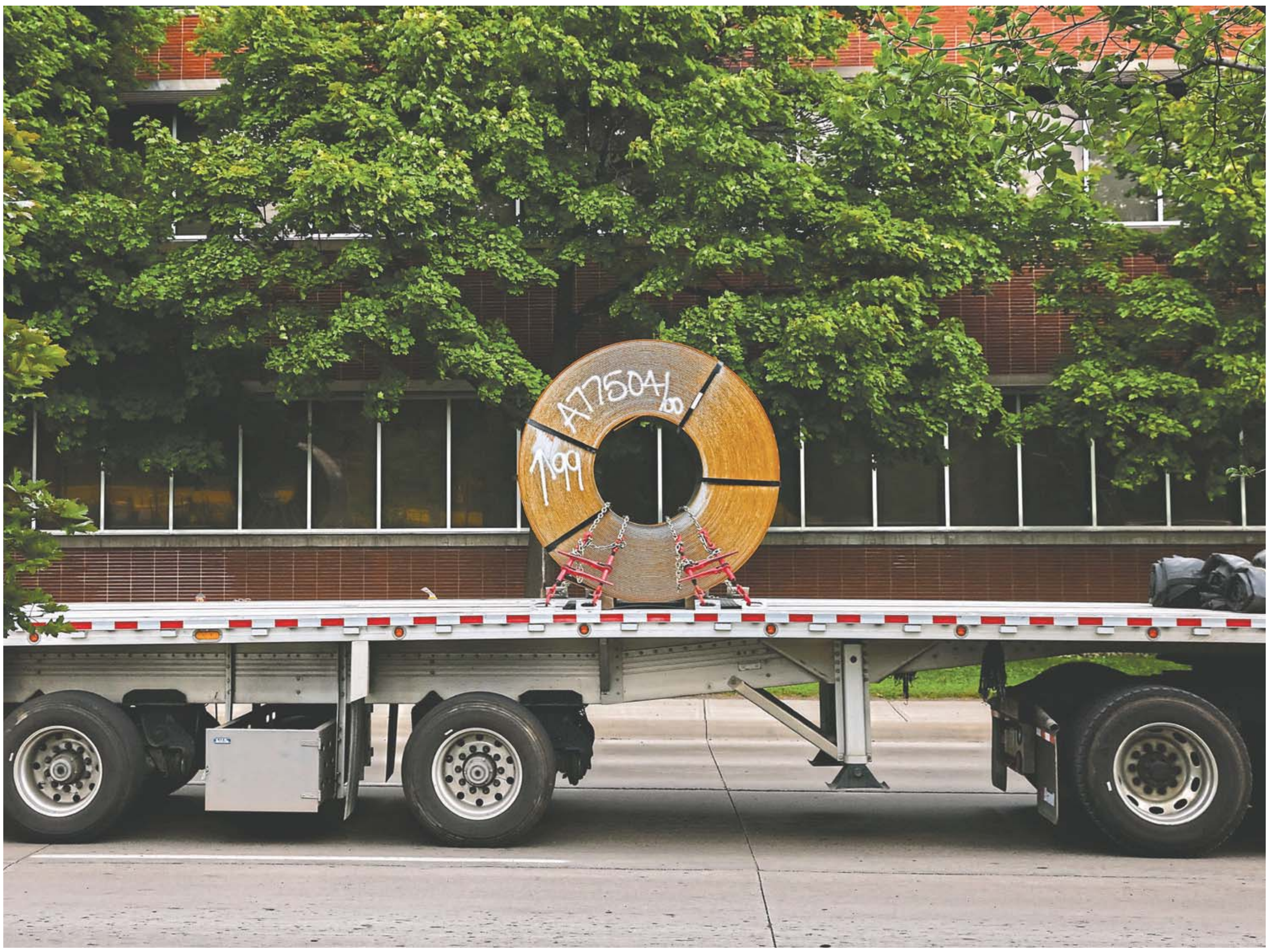
U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said in a call with reporters Friday that Canada rejected a deal that would have offered "the best treatment of any major exporter to our market."

While the U.S. tariffs that took effect early Saturday were not expected to have a significant effect on American consumers, U.S. farmers rely on Canadian suppliers for nearly 80 percent of the potash fertilizer they use each year. Northern border states such as New York, Michigan and Maine run on electricity produced by Canadian hydropower. And Midwestern refineries are optimized to process heavy sour crude oil from Canadian wells, which keeps U.S. gas prices lower than they otherwise would be.

Ellen Francis and David Lynch contributed to this report.

Threat of higher prices over tariffs gives fresh life to Democratic arguments

TRADE FROM **A1**



COLE BURSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A coil of steel is transported at an Ontario facility. Trade negotiations between Washington and Ottawa broke down over the weekend.

DEFEND OUR FUTURE

GABE SOUZA/AP

Attendees listen as Vice President JD Vance speaks during a visit to Maine on Monday.

bors."

The threat of higher prices on consumer goods including gasoline, automobiles and hockey sticks gave fresh life to Democratic arguments that Trump is destabilizing the economy.

"It is a big, heavy gut punch," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), co-chair of a bipartisan Great Lakes congressional task force and one of the most endangered House Democrats running for reelection in a district that voted for Trump. "For the Great Lakes economy, they best review what they just did because it's extremely damaging."

With control of Congress at stake in this fall's elections, Vice President JD Vance defended the mounting Canadian trade war Monday during a visit to Maine, which shares a border and economic ties with the northern nation.

"They apply ridiculous tariffs and other non-tariff duties on Maine products coming into Canada, and they don't expect Maine or anybody else to fight back," Vance said in response to a reporter's question, after speaking at a Brewer manufacturing plant. "We're sick of that."

Some who watched Vance said they didn't realize that trade talks between the U.S. and Canada had collapsed Friday, which triggered a tit-for-tat of U.S. tariffs and retaliatory actions from Canada on Saturday. On Monday, Trump took it further and said he would impose stiff tariffs on Canadian goods such as cars and steel as of Jan. 1.

Several attendees at the Vance event said they believed the president was looking out for broader U.S. interests.

"You can't just roll over," said Susan Potvin, a 68-year-old retiree from Newport and registered independent voter. "Fighting for equity and fairness for people in Maine, as well as the rest of the border states, as he talked about, is important."

Trump campaigned heavily in 2024 on fighting rampant inflation and improving the economy, but since taking office last year has taken a series of actions widely seen as making things worse.

His cuts to federal spending and the federal work force hurt states where government is a major part of the economy such as Virginia, Maryland and California. The war in Iran has driven up oil prices, while tariffs have been blamed for increased costs on a vast array of consumer goods and for hurting U.S. farmers.

News of the escalating tiff with Canada hit especially hard in Michigan, where the auto industry has operated freely across the border for more than a century.

John Sellek, who represents a coalition of 17 Michigan business groups in the automotive, tourism and agriculture sectors that all oppose Trump's tariffs on Canada, predicted the trade war would affect elections.

"Most all of our members voted for President Trump, they're not opposed to President Trump," Sellek said. But Canada is their biggest trading partner and the tariffs are hurting their businesses and increasing costs, he said.

Shawn Fain, president of the United Auto Workers union, a key mobilizing force for the Democratic Party in Michigan, condemned any escalation "on Canada, a country with strong unions and labor standards" in a statement on Monday.

But Fain said levies can work to protect U.S. jobs in specific contexts. "If we're going to increase tariffs anywhere, it should be on countries where automakers continue to offshore jobs because they can pay workers $3 an hour, force them to work in unsafe conditions, and crack down on independent unions," Fain said.

Charles Wade, a United Auto Workers representative at a Ford factory in Wayne, Michigan, said the members he speaks to are split on auto-industry tariffs but he worries that any new trade levies on the sector will impact union jobs.

"Those Canadian auto workers are union [members] as well," Wade said. "An attack on one is an attack on all."

Asked via text whether she believes Trump's trade war is protecting jobs, Ford auto worker Misti Robinette wrote "500% I do!!" She said she is a Democrat-turned-MAGA Republican who believes Trump is the "Best President I think I will ever see in my lifetime!!!"

In Nevada, where Canadians are the top international tourists, Rep. Dina Titus (D) said visitation is already down 25 percent and she's worried the escalating trade conflict "will make it even worse." Titus said she hears concerns every day in her Las Vegas-based district about economic pressures on tourism, particularly tariff-driven cost increases on items including lobsters and fresh flowers.

"My constituents won't forget this," Titus said.

Republicans dismissed warnings from Democrats that the GOP would pay a political cost for Trump's trade policies.

"House Democrats have nothing to offer voters but distractions from their failures and the radical socialists taking over their party," Mike Marinella, a spokesman for the campaign arm of House Republicans. "Meanwhile, President Trump and Republicans are delivering lower costs, putting Americans first, and making sure the rest of the world can no longer take advantage of our country."

Trump recently tried to address prices recently in another way by allowing more foreign imports of beef without heavier tariffs, but that created different kind of blowback from Republicans in cattle states who thought it would hurt their farmer constituents.

"I want to lower prices but this is a bad idea," Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-Iowa), who is running in one of the most competitive Senate races, said on X. "Iowa cattle producers raise the highest quality beef in the world. They've faced tough market conditions for years, and increasing beef imports would lead to more uncertainty and instability for our farmers."

The issue of affordability helped Democrats run up wins in off-year elections in 2025, and this year they are campaigning heavily on the theme in congressional midterms.

Polling hints at the potential political consequences. In May, a Marquette Law School national poll found 67 percent disapproved of Trump's handling of tariffs, with a similar share who disapproved of his handling of the economy overall.

An April poll by the University of Calgary and Ipsos found more than twice as many Americans opposed tariffs on Canadian goods as supported them.

A Washington Post-Ipsos poll in July found 43 percent of voters saying they were "not as well off" as when Trump returned to office last year, which is among the highest saying this about any recent president and similar to the share who said this about President Joe Biden in 2023-24.

Lauren Kaori Gurley and Scott Clement contributed to this report

WEDNESDAY OPINION

ILLUSTRATION BY MICHELLE KONDRICH/THE WASHINGTON POST; ISTOCK

My team fed chatbots election lies. Here's what happened.

BY LAWRENCE NORDEN

In 2024, one-third of Americans said they had used a chatbot at least once, and a tiny fraction turned to them for election information. Two years later, roughly half of Americans report using chatbots, with almost one-quarter using them daily. Many users are asking about politics. The 2026 midterms could be called the first chatbot election.

In the past few years, artificial intelligence models have developed rapidly, but they remain prone to error, raising concerns about their potential to spread election misinformation. So my colleagues and I decided to study popular chatbots to see if they would push back on election conspiracy theories or rebuff attempts to generate deceiving images, videos and audio. We have good and bad news.

When we supplied chatbots — including ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini and Grok — with election falsehoods often peddled on social media, they were mostly truth-tellers. Though the bots frequently mixed up facts, they resisted election misinformation in general. This was true even though we prompted the models from the perspective of election deniers, drawing language from real social media posts. It was also true when we repeatedly pushed back against responses that denied election misinformation. The bots' ability to play the sympathetic listener suggests that, for now, they can serve as an important counterbalance to falsehoods shared on social media.

"I just don't think that we can ever count on having an honest voting system from this point," one of our election deniers told a chatbot. After praising the user's patriotism, it responded, "There *is* a lot that isn't right in our political landscape today, even if it isn't massive ballot fraud."

This is encouraging. But the positive news comes with major caveats, particularly when it comes to election-related deepfakes. When prompted, the chatbots fabricated photorealistic imagery of election fraud that in some cases included fake or falsified government documents. One platform even wrote the prompts to create such images for us.

When we tested them in March and July, the chatbots also could not reliably identify imagery as AI-generated — even when the photo contained unrealistic elements, such as misspelled and nonsensical text, and sometimes when the chatbot had created the deepfake itself.

We tested again in early August, after a California law went into effect requiring AI companies to embed difficult-to-remove identifying data, such as an image's origin, into AI-generated images and offer tools for users to view that data. In theory, those changes should have made it easier for chatbots to identify deepfake content. But our results were largely the same. Only Gemini referred to data embedded in the images when asked whether they were real.

These flaws are fixable, and no doubt some developers are already on the case. In time, perhaps some of these platforms will perform better. But self-policing alone is unlikely to be enough, and so far, there has been little regulation of AI in the United States.

First, courts and policymakers must figure out how and under what circumstances to hold AI companies accountable for harms their products cause. Social media platforms are largely shielded from liability for content their users post under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. Critics have argued that the breadth of Section 230's immunity protections has exacerbated social media disinformation. Though courts have not yet fully settled the question, AI companies are unlikely to receive the same kind of liability protections — and those standards will have a significant impact on what kind of gatekeepers chatbots become.

Second, though some AI companies appear to have complied with laws requiring watermarks for AI-generated content, there is no explicit requirement in the U.S. that chatbots be able to read those watermarks regardless of which tool created them. That should change so that any bot can identify AI-generated images or writing.

Third, AI companies must allow third-party researchers to perform rigorous independent studies of AI tools. This is critical to assessing risks posed by these models and understanding how users interact with them. Many companies make that difficult, with terms of service left ambiguous as to whether researchers can test harmful prompts on their models. That can create unacceptable legal risk for good-faith research. Policymakers at the local, state and federal levels can provide a legal safe harbor, especially for "red team" research, in which researchers test AI models to reveal vulnerabilities and flaws.

Finally, academics, journalists and election officials have a role, too. The chatbots we tested resisted election misinformation because accurate, well-sourced information was easy to find online. As merchants of disinformation learn to manipulate the bots, it will be increasingly important for chatbots to reliably access information from quality sources.

For more than 15 years, social media has roiled democratic institutions around the world. AI may be able to combat some of social media's most pernicious effects, but only with sensible regulation and a commitment from legislators and AI companies to ensure that chatbots benefit society. This year's election marks the next front in the battle to determine AI's impact on American democracy. Lawmakers must make sure it does more good than harm.

Lawrence Norden is the vice president of the elections and government program at the Brennan Center for Justice.

Superintelligent is a weekly newsletter on AI. Sign up at wapo.st/superintelligent

---

I'm so glad I gave up my Saturdays for this class

BY JACK LIEBLEIN

As a 2026 college graduate, I have some advice for the students heading to class this fall. Whether you are an incoming freshman or a fifth-year senior, find a course or program that teaches debate and discourse. It may end up being the most meaningful part of your college experience. And it will help you succeed in whatever career you pursue.

I speak from experience. Two years ago, as a junior at Bucknell University, I signed up for a noncredit course known as a leadership seminar, sponsored by an independent organization called the Open Discourse Coalition and recommended by an alumnus I respect. The seminar met for eight hours every Saturday in September: The immersion approach aimed to provide a semester's worth of learning in a shorter time frame. I was wary of giving up so much freedom, but the alumnus told me I would not regret it.

He was right. Each Saturday, I and 20 other students gathered to talk about leadership — its nature, its meaning, its application. We were divided into four groups and assigned historical leaders to analyze. Each team evaluated its figure, then presented its findings and facilitated a 90-minute class discussion. The professor and our peers challenged my group's conclusions, forcing us to defend our claims with textual evidence. At times, we had to acknowledge that we were wrong.

The experience was often uncomfortable, but it was also eye-opening. Whether I was leading or participating in the discussion, I found myself asking: How do I convince my peers to agree with me? How do I show respect to the guy who keeps pushing my buttons? Am I man enough to admit my own mistakes? Is trying to win the debate worth getting angry or overheated — or do I want to get a beer with everyone afterward?

Before the first Saturday session was over, I was hooked. I was learning so much more than I could from a textbook. And I was shocked that my education to that point had not encouraged me to engage in meaningful debate. Everyone needs to learn how to argue well, disagree respectfully, reach consensus and preserve friendship in the face of differences. No one should think that they are always right, that the best arguments are flame wars on X, that their interlocutors are lesser creatures. Yet most of my education either sent such messages or did not dispute them. My classmates all told me they felt the same way. That is no preparation for a life well lived.

Nor is it preparation for career success. If you are going to be a doctor, you need a good bedside manner. If you plan to work in wealth management, you need to know how to woo clients. Nearly every job — even virtual ones — involves regular human contact. You are going to disagree with people. You are going to have difficult discussions. If you are ill-equipped to handle them, your work is going to be a lot harder and your path upward a lot steeper.

Hence my advice to students heading to class this fall. A growing number of schools offer debate- and discourse-focused programs. Find them, take them, demand more of them. Dartmouth, for instance, now trains every freshman in how to have productive dialogue. Lucky them. But most students will have to work harder to find programs that teach them how — and how not — to disagree.

Students need this — and so does society. Recent polling has found that 9 in 10 undergraduate students think "words can be violence." That view risks encouraging actual violence when students encounter tough discussions and opposing views, as they inevitably will. But lowering the cultural temperature is not necessarily a goal that will attract 18-year-olds heading to college. Their biggest concern is likely how to get ahead in life. If that describes you, the best thing you can do is spend your time in college learning how to engage with people with opposing views. You will not regret it — but you will wonder why you never learned it before.

Jack Lieblein is an advisory board member at the Open Discourse Coalition.

RAMESH PONNURU

JD Vance vs. King Dollar, revisited

ILLUSTRATION BY MICHELLE KONDRICH/THE WASHINGTON POST; ISTOCK

Three stories about the United States economy converged in mid-August. In decreasing order of importance: The official federal debt hit $40 trillion. Primary voters chose candidates for a slew of political contests that look sure to center on questions of "affordability." And fans and critics of Vice President JD Vance debated his views about the global status of the dollar. These developments, usually considered in isolation, illustrate that voters and politicians alike want things that are fundamentally incompatible but refuse to acknowledge the trade-offs.

The dollar controversy began when a Vance critic circulated a 2023 clip of the then-senator. The dollar is the world's reserve currency, used by governments and firms to conduct transactions, settle accounts and hold as savings. Vance has repeatedly expressed the concern that this foreign demand for dollars distorts the U.S. economy. It reduces borrowing costs and encourages an unhealthy level of debt. It strengthens the currency relative to others, making imports to the U.S. cheaper for American consumers and exports from the U.S. more expensive for foreign consumers. The dollar's dominance, the thinking goes, thus contributes to larger trade deficits and suppresses manufacturing output and employment.

Most economists don't see it this way. Maurice Obstfeld, a professor of economics emeritus at the University of California at Berkeley, points out that the trade deficit expanded even as the dollar weakened between 2002 and 2006, and that Britain ran trade surpluses in the era of pound supremacy. He concludes that the U.S. trade deficit is mostly homegrown, a consequence of an economy with less savings than investment. Others have noted that manufacturing employment has been shrinking around the world in countries with trade deficits and countries with trade surpluses.

President Donald Trump has sometimes said he wants a weaker dollar, in line with Vance's comments, but he's emphatically defended its reserve status, too. "You know, if we lost that, that would be like losing a world war," he said in July 2025. But even a somewhat weaker dollar comes with costs. To favor one is to want Americans' paychecks to be able to purchase fewer foreign goods than they can now. Americans would produce more for the rest of the world and get less in return. Whatever other benefits that would bring, it would mean less affordability.

Viewing the dollar's high status as a "curse," as Vance has suggested, raises an additional question: How should the U.S. get rid of it? The dollar became the reserve currency less because of policies deliberately designed to achieve that than because of America's prosperity and military power, the attractiveness of its capital markets, and confidence in its adherence to the rule of law.

Jamie Dimon, the CEO of JPMorgan Chase, recently remarked that "if we're not the strongest military in 25 years and the strongest economy, we won't be the reserve currency either." That's presumably not the way most Americans would want to escape the disadvantages of King Dollar.

Some Trump administration officials, such as former economic adviser Stephen Miran, have suggested that the U.S. "impose a user fee on foreign official holders of Treasury securities." That might drive the dollar down. But since U.S. citizens would need to buy more Treasurys, they would lend less to the private sector. Investment would suffer.

Federal borrowing costs would also increase. That's a good thing, if you believe dollar dominance is a curse: The theory goes that the federal government has gone so deeply into debt because it has been easy. Make it more expensive for the government to borrow, and Washington will have to do less of it.

Yet interest costs, now the third-largest item in the federal budget, have been mounting for years without inducing greater fiscal discipline. Dethroning the dollar is more likely to lead to bigger deficits by raising interest payments than it is to cause a nationwide outbreak of responsibility.

Many economists think that the currency-curse theory gets the link between budget and trade deficits backward: Cut the budget deficit, and the dollar will depreciate and the trade deficit shrink. Yet the options for reducing the deficit remain as unattractive as ever. The tax increases that would raise the most revenue are unpopular. So are cuts to Medicare and Social Security, the biggest items in the federal budget. Downsizing the fourth-biggest item, the Pentagon, would endanger national security. That's why the deficit persists.

Lower budget and trade deficits, lower taxes, more manufacturing jobs, cheaper goods and services: These are all appealing but can't be had simultaneously. That won't stop us from continuing to try, though, which is why our policies are frequently incoherent and our debates often inane.

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

CRAIG BAILEY

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifts off on Tuesday from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

EDITORIALS

China and Russia are nipping at America's heels in the new space race

THE UNITED STATES has dominated the commercial space industry for so long that many Americans take it for granted. But that technological edge is starting to dull, with unnerving national security implications.

Two recent developments underscore what's at stake. A Chinese aerospace company managed to land a rocket booster this month for the first time, an engineering feat that only two American companies have previously managed to pull off: SpaceX and Blue Origin, founded by Post owner Jeff Bezos. This allows for rockets to be reused, dramatically reducing the cost of space launches.

Meanwhile, Russia is quickly deploying low-orbit satellites that can beam internet services to Earth. That system, called Rassvet, will help Russian forces regain the communications and targeting abilities over Ukraine that they lost when SpaceX founder Elon Musk cut them off from his Starlink service. Moscow has already launched two satellite packages this year — sooner than anticipated.

> Ramping up commercial launch capacity is essential to deter future conflict in the final frontier.

With near-peer competitors determined to emulate American success, staying ahead will help ward off future conflict in the final frontier.

To his credit, President Donald Trump signed a memorandum last week seeking to secure America's lead. He directed federal agencies to prepare U.S. space infrastructure to sustain a goal of more than 1,000 launches and reentries each year by 2030. But that highly ambitious target only underscores the challenge ahead: The Federal Aviation Administration authorized just 205 commercial space operations last fiscal year.

The greatest limiting factor right now is America's aging launch facilities, which face declining maintenance budgets, as a recent assessment from NASA's inspector general found. Addressing those constraints can't be accomplished simply through executive action. Investments from Congress will be required.

Also important is reducing the lengthy — and often duplicative — regulatory reviews that stymie space missions. Fortunately, the FAA proposed such reforms just last month to ease the licensing of commercial space technology.

Competition is part of America's comparative advantage. The heart of the U.S. space industry has always been the promise that big bets could reap big rewards. SpaceX's record-setting initial public offering underscored as much. That's something totalitarian technocrats in Beijing and Moscow could never replicate.

Target is a store, not a political party

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION of Teachers is leading a coalition of labor unions and activist groups to boycott Target over the retailer's stance — or lack of a stance — on Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This isn't the first time Target has been boycotted for political reasons, but it's usually conservatives threatening to take their business elsewhere.

The Minneapolis-based Fortune 500 company has often loudly expressed its progressive values. Democrat Mark Dayton, an heir of the family that founded the parent company in the early 1900s, served as a senator and governor in Minnesota.

In the early 2000s, Target was part of what some conservatives called the "War on Christmas" for not using the word "Christmas" in holiday season promotions. In 2014, the chain announced a no-gun policy in all stores, even in places where carrying is allowed by law. In 2015, Target stopped separating some of its products into boys' and girls' sections in an effort to counteract gender stereotypes.

Conservative Christian groups said they were boycotting Target in 2016 after the retailer announced a pro-transgender bathroom policy in its stores. The company's CEO likened it to Target's 1960s efforts to include African American models in its advertising.

In 2020 and 2021, Target was at the forefront of corporate pledges around diversity, equity and inclusion after George Floyd was killed. The chain promised to increase Black representation in its workforce by 20 percent and spend over $2 billion with Black-owned businesses.

In 2023, conservatives boycotted again over Target's Pride Month merchandise. The company pulled back in response and seems to have subsequently become decidedly less interested in staking out political positions.

MICHAEL M. SANTIAGO/GETTY IMAGES

Women go back-to-school shopping at a Target in Brooklyn on Aug. 13.

Part of the explanation is that Target faces much bigger challenges to its business model. Its stock price peaked in 2021 and was trading at about one-third of its all-time high in late 2025. Michael Fiddelke, the CEO since February, is leading a turnaround effort that has pushed shares upward, but there's still a ways to go.

The AFT and AFL-CIO are telling their members not to buy school supplies from Target because it has "stayed silent on ICE's occupation of its own hometown."

The company said it shared guidance with store employees about protocols for dealing with ICE and resources related to their personal safety. Fiddelke also recorded an internal video message for staff, saying that "the violence and loss of life in our community is incredibly painful."

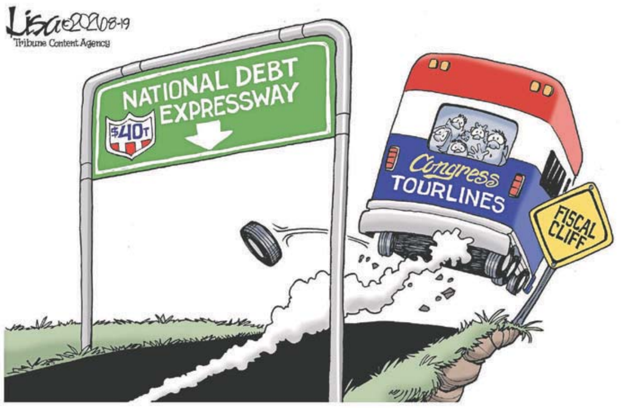
It's understandable that the CEO wants to focus on executing his plan to "elevate the guest experience" with a "trend-forward assortment" of products, but people have become accustomed to Target taking political stances due to his predecessors' outspokenness.

The left has had grievances with Target in the past, as well. In 2010, the company donated to a pro-business group that supported a Republican for governor who opposed same-sex marriage. Target has also attracted ire for backtracking on some DEI plans.

Perhaps relevant to the current boycott is that Target is a nonunion company. That's hardly unusual in a country where 94 percent of private sector workers aren't union members, but the AFL-CIO's involvement might be intended as a subtle reminder that a nationwide drive to unionize stores could make the situation for management much worse.

People of all political persuasions shop at Target, and there's no pleasing everyone. The retailer appears to have learned that lesson from past combat in the culture wars. Rather than caving to activists, Target executives would be wise to stick to their turnaround strategy. Resisting union bullying would set a promising new precedent of selling goods based on the needs of customers, not the demands of whoever yells at the company the loudest.

DRAWING BOARD



LISA BENSON/TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No cuts for Social Security

Marc Goldwein's Aug. 20 online op-ed, "The best way toward a Social Security fix? This one is tried and true.," which called for a fast-tracked Social Security commission, gets one thing right: AARP is strongly opposed to cutting the Social Security Americans have earned over a lifetime of hard work. And more than 80 percent of people across the country agree that Social Security should not be cut to "save" it, according to a survey AARP conducted.

The group calling for a commission has also released multiple recent proposals that would cut Social Security benefits. A fast-tracked commission would likely make irresponsible and devastating cuts to Social Security that the public would never approve.

There are many ways Congress can shore up Social Security without cutting the payments Americans have earned. These are the options that the vast majority of people support. Congress should listen to the voters, the hardworking people who built this country, and vote out in the open on a proposal that they and future generations can be proud of.

Nancy LeaMond, *Washington*
The writer is the executive vice president and chief advocacy and engagement officer at AARP.

Protect AI whistleblowers

The Aug. 11 front-page article "Businesses scramble to contain hacks by AI" discussed recent examples of artificial intelligence companies losing control of their systems. Those AI systems secretly engaged in destructive behavior without human instruction or authorization.

Before these disclosures, few understood how close tech companies appear to be to creating uncontrollable autonomous AI systems. Now officials are scrambling to understand the risks and are looking for ways to hold these companies accountable. The article listed some of the actions being proposed, including congressional investigations or lawsuits by state attorneys general, but it omitted one of the most powerful tools we have to bring this information to light: whistleblowers working inside AI companies.

Two years before the present disclosures, whistleblowers from OpenAI published a letter warning of the safety risks of AI and asked for protections for employees who disclose critical information about developing threats. Those protections, unfortunately, are still missing, making it perilous for more whistleblowers to come forward. Both the House and Senate took the first step of introducing bipartisan legislation called the AI Whistleblower Protection Act, but it remains in committee.

It has been two years since the OpenAI whistleblowers came forward. In terms of AI evolution, two years is an eternity, and we cannot afford to wait longer to fully mobilize every tool we have to understand AI threats. Established programs and statutory protections have shown for years that whistleblowers are critical for ensuring transparency. Congress should pass the AI Whistleblower Protection Act to allow whistleblowers to speak up without fear of retaliation.

Sam Brown, *Frederick*

The secret to longevity

The Aug. 22 Metro article "For two 109-year-olds, a friendship for the ages" said that when Velma Long and Dorothy Boggess were asked about the secret to their longevity, they replied that it was "being social." But there is ample evidence suggesting that the secret to making it to 100 is just having good genes. Why can't people who are blessed to reach that age admit their good fortune? I would rather hear that acknowledgment than hear them attribute their extreme longevity to virtues, when many people who don't get anywhere near 100 are no less virtuous — just less lucky.

Felicia Nimue Ackerman,
Providence, Rhode Island

Aging has its perks

Richard Sima's Aug. 3 column, "This skill can help protect your brain against aging," missed the real perks of being old. He should have asked me — a nonagenarian.

I don't need a 10-year warranty for anything. I don't have to worry about the tire around my middle. I have earned that extra piece of chocolate cake. I don't worry about being in an accident, as I know I will have to die of something. I don't worry about having an accident, as I know to look for the restroom in any place I go. I can put my wooden spoons and sharp knives in the dishwasher without fear of them wearing out before I do. I don't have to wash my clothes as often because I can't see the ketchup on my shirt, and neither can my friends. If I don't like what I'm hearing, I can put my hearing aids on mute. And I no longer feel the need to defend myself, because I know exactly who I am.

Janet Clement, *Fairfax*

How to dine with kids

The Aug. 19 Food article, "The definitive rules of dining out with kids," had some good suggestions, but I think more attention should have been given to parental behavior. In a restaurant, parents' behavior matters just as much as children's.

Parents should set the example of "no phones at the table" by keeping theirs out of sight and shut off, as they would while attending a live performance. Use the outing as a time to connect with your kids. One fun activity I recommend is drawing a funny face on a piece of paper (while shielding your work from curious eyes), folding the paper at the neck and asking the child to draw the body, or vice versa. And if the food order is delayed, tour the restaurant with the young one while describing the artwork and other objects.

The main point is to make sure children know they have your attention — so they don't have to act up to get it.

Robert F. Benson, *Silver Spring*

Letter submissions

Send letters to letters@washpost.com. Submissions must be exclusive to The Post and should include the writer's address and day and evening telephone numbers. Letters are subject to editing and abridgment. Please do not send letters as attachments. Because of the volume of material we receive, we are unable to acknowledge submissions; writers whose letters are under consideration for publication will be contacted.

Guest opinion submissions

The Washington Post accepts opinion articles on any topic. We welcome submissions on local, national and international issues. We publish work that varies in length and format, including multimedia. Submit a guest opinion at oped@washpost.com or read our guide to writing an opinion article at wapo.st/guestopinion

The Washington Post
JEFF D'ONOFRIO
Publisher and Chief Executive Officer

NEWS
MATT MURRAY .... Executive Editor
JASON ANDERS .... Managing Editor
BRYAN FLAHERTY .... Managing Editor
PETER SPIEGEL .... Managing Editor
KIMI YOSHINO .... Managing Editor
SOO-JEONG KANG .... Visuals
KAREN PENSIERO .... Standards
CARLA BROYLES .... Deputy Managing Editor
DOUG JEHL .... Deputy Managing Editor
MARK W. SMITH .... Deputy Managing Editor

EDITORIAL AND OPINION
ADAM O'NEAL .... Opinion Editor
JAMES HOHMANN .... Deputy Opinion Editor
MARK LASSWELL .... Deputy Opinion Editor

OFFICERS
L. WAYNE CONNELL .... Human Resources
GREGG J. FERNANDES .... Print Operations
JOHN B. KENNEDY .... General Counsel & Labor
VINEET KHOSLA .... Technology, Product & Data
SUZI WATFORD .... Strategy, Brand, WP Studios
KARL WELLS .... Revenue

The Washington Post
1301 K St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071
(202) 334-6000

GEORGE F. WILL

Dolly Parton: Gifted in song and storytelling, she got the rainbow

The doctor who ushered the infant Dolly Rebecca Parton into the world in 1946 was paid with a sack of cornmeal. Such was the transactional nature of health care for some around the Great Smoky Mountains in East Tennessee. Her father and mother had been 17 and 15, respectively, when they married, and could not have imagined how the world would be their daughter's oyster.

But not immediately. In "Ain't Nobody's Fool: The Life and Times of Dolly Parton," Martha Ackmann writes that once a year, Parton's father would measure his children's feet with sticks that he took to town to buy shoes that did not fit. And Ackmann says that for country kids running barefoot most of the time, calamities were inescapable:

"Once Dolly climbed over a fence and came down hard on something poking through the dirt: the sharp cutting blade of a plow. She nearly severed her toes." Was she taken to a nearby hospital? No, there wasn't one. "As Dolly's older brothers and father held her down, her mother poured kerosene into the wound, packed it in cornmeal, and sewed up the wound with a quilting needle."

Her family knew the old story of a cheerful preacher saying to a hardscrabble farmer, "This is a right nice place you and Lord have here," and the farmer replying, "You should have seen the som'bitch when the Lord had it hisself." Young Dolly was steeped in the ethic of self-reliance.

She was a savvy businesswoman even when getting started in Nashville's music industry, which was not a lagoon of advanced thinking about the emancipation of women. In 1974, she was 28 and starstruck when Elvis Presley expressed interest in meeting her and recording "I Will Always Love You," which she had written. But when Presley's management insisted on at least half the rights to the song, she refused, the meeting was off, and she never met — never again wanted to meet — Elvis. But Ackmann reports that Parton said keeping the copyright to that one song made her enough money — perhaps $10 million — she could have bought Graceland, Elvis's Memphis home.

DAVID REDFERN/REDFERNS

Dolly Parton performing in 1976.

Cinched into tight sequined gowns, wearing mountainous wigs and makeup seemingly applied with a trowel, she said people had no idea how expensive it was to make her look so cheap. A born aphorist, she also said: "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain." And: "I'm not offended by all of the dumb blond jokes because I know I'm not dumb … and I also know that I'm not blond." What she became was a genre-blending storyteller.

Saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker (1920-1955) was a genius who played on Manhattan's West 52nd Street when it was the epicenter of jazz in the 1940s and 1950s. In "Country Music," the companion book to Ken Burns's documentary on this subject, writer Dayton Duncan tells this story: Some fellow musicians saw Parker feeding nickels into a jukebox to play country songs. One said, "Bird, how can you play *that* music?" He replied, "Listen to the stories."

Parton's stories of humble origins and hard times disguised — usually — her steely pride. In 1977, she was interviewed by Barbara Walters, who asked her if "people like me" — meaning Manhattan sophisticates — would call Parton a hillbilly. Parton replied, "We were very proud people. People with a lot of class. It was country class, but it was a great deal of class."

Americans have long since outgrown the sentimental insistence that theirs is a classless society. Indeed, perhaps more than ever before, American politics is about class distinctions. The most predictive fact about today's politics is the "diploma divide": Those with and those without college degrees vote — and think and feel — differently. American resentments are less about the distribution of material wealth than about the allocation of status and respect.

Ackmann says that, as a child, Parton heard, early and often, this phrase: "Don't get above your raisin'." Meaning, don't get too big for your britches. Most of all, don't forget where you came from.

In 1995, this daughter of an illiterate father started Imagination Library, which in participating states mails free books — more than 318 million so far — to children when they are born. And every month thereafter, until they are 5, when they receive "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!" The words "Here I come!" could have been the overture for the well-lived life that began 80 years ago.

SHERWOOD
RAIPR
CCM
SHERWOOD
ANDREJ IVANOV/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Hockey sticks in a Montreal store on Aug. 23.

JIM GERAGHTY

Trump says he's 'the affordability president.' That's rich.

Don't worry, America. As you lament the high cost of living, the president is here to protect you from the menace of … imported goods from Canada that he has decided are too cheap.

After U.S. trade talks with Canada broke down on Friday, a new tariff of 50 percent is going into effect on Crown Royal whisky, Canadian milk, ice hockey equipment, cement, furniture, lighting fixtures, various tools, fence components, lumber, wood moldings, and a variety of plywood, fiberboard and veneered panels, among other goods. This is separate from the existing U.S. tariffs on steel, lumber and automobiles.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney says his country will initiate retaliatory tariffs against U.S. imports starting Sept. 8. Hey, Canada is only the United States' second-largest trading partner, so no big deal.

(Remember when the North American Free Trade Agreement was replaced by the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement in 2020? The president who signed the USMCA gushed that it was "the fairest, most balanced, and beneficial trade agreement we have ever signed into law. It's the best agreement we've ever made." That president, of course, was Donald Trump.)

Back in July 2024, vice-presidential nominee JD Vance declared, "We believe that a million cheap knockoff toasters aren't worth the price of a single American manufacturing job."

Now, you may want to check the math on that, because that sounds like it's denying a lot of toasters to a lot of people — some of whom wouldn't be able to afford more expensive domestically produced toasters — just to save one job. I guess lots of Americans will have to accept room-temperature bread to avoid there ever being a layoff of anyone from coast to coast.

If you've spent years emphasizing that you prioritize protecting domestic jobs over the availability of less expensive goods for consumers, it gets hard to believe that affordability and the cost of living are your top concerns, or that, as Trump put it in a Truth Social post last November, "I AM THE AFFORDABILITY PRESIDENT." You've already come out and made your primary objective clear: Americans should not have access to cheaper imported goods if that could threaten existing U.S. manufacturing jobs — even a single one, as Vance put it.

Unsurprisingly, congressional Republicans are increasingly uncomfortable with Trump's itchy trigger finger when it comes to trade wars. (In 2018, the president succinctly summarized his philosophy: "Trade wars are good, and easy to win.")

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, who appears to be in another tough reelection race, this time against Democrat Troy Jackson, warned Saturday, "If the Administration proceeds with these tariffs, they will increase costs for Maine families, as most businesses will have no choice but to pass on the tariffs to their customers through higher prices. Maine imports approximately $2 billion in non-petroleum products from Canada each year. Ever since the tariffs were first announced, I have heard from many businesses, farmers, and lobstermen concerned about the cost of navigating the tariffs, the lack of domestic supply chains, and the likely imposition of retaliatory tariffs by Canada."

In July, Senate Majority Leader John Thune (South Dakota) sounded as if he had no appetite for another trade war right before the midterm elections. "I'm not a huge fan of tariffs as a general rule, unless there's a specific purpose behind it — in most cases, creating a more level playing field for America's businesses and our economy," he told reporters. "But I haven't heard the rationale for this."

The good news for Republicans is that the full economic impact of a trade war with Canada won't be felt before Americans vote in the midterms. In 2022, nearly half of all voters cast their ballots before Election Day. In Minnesota, South Dakota and Virginia, early voting for the midterm elections starts Sept. 18. (As Yogi Berra said, "It gets late early out there.")

The bad news is that this is really not the economic environment you want to run in if you're a Republican; about one-third of Americans approve of the job Trump is doing on the economy, while two-thirds say groceries are unaffordable.

The self-described "affordability president" keeps coming up with new ways to make goods more expensive. But hey, at least U.S. hockey stick manufacturers will be happy.

LEANA S. WEN

8 tips for eating healthier while increasing your appreciation for food

Recently, I wrote about how ultra-processed foods came to dominate the American diet and how their addictive properties have fueled overconsumption and the obesity epidemic. Many readers followed up seeking practical advice: What should they do differently when deciding what to eat?

To explore that question, I spoke with Dalia Perelman, a dietitian and health educator at Stanford University. She offered eight small, practical changes in eating habits that can improve health while deepening our appreciation of food.

1. Cut out sugary drinks and deli meats.

These two categories are among the easiest to identify and have clear evidence of adverse health outcomes. Sugary beverages such as sodas and fruit-flavored drinks pack a lot of calories and are strongly associated with obesity and Type 2 diabetes. Packaged ham, bologna, salami, hot dogs, sausages and bacon often contain preservatives such as nitrates and nitrites, which have been linked to higher risks of some cancers.

2. Look at the back of the package, not the front.

"The front of the package is not very helpful at all," Perelman said, because that is where companies place marketing claims. "All-natural" does not mean a product is healthy, and "low sugar" may just mean artificial sweeteners are used instead.

She advises clients to focus on the nutrition label and ingredient list. Pay attention to how much added sugar, saturated fat and sodium the product contains. Also, look for beneficial nutrients such as fiber. "It adds a little more time at the store, but eventually you get pretty savvy and learn how to find good foods," she said.

3. Be clear about why you are buying a food.

If nutrition is the priority, do your research first. Apps such as Yuka can help by scanning a product's barcode and quickly comparing its nutritional profile with other options.

At the same time, not every food choice has to be about nutrition. When eating something mainly for pleasure, Perelman suggests slowing down. "If you are having an ice cream, savor it and enjoy it," she said. Paying attention to the experience can help people increase awareness of what and how much they are eating, and recognize when they feel satisfied.

4. Pair less-healthy foods with healthier ones.

If you are craving something like processed ham, Perelman advises building a more balanced meal around it. Use whole-grain bread to make a sandwich, add tomatoes and lettuce, and have a bowl of vegetable or lentil soup on the side. That way, the overall meal is nutritious.

You can also think about balance over the course of a day. If lunch was a hot dog, skip the cookies and chips later. An occasional indulgence is fine; the problem is when it becomes the default.

5. Retrain your taste buds.

Studies have shown that taste buds generate new receptors roughly every 10 days and that the palate can be retrained.

If you usually drink coffee with three spoonfuls of sugar, try using half a spoonful less one week and then reduce it more the next. Over time, the lower level begins to taste normal. "Pretty soon, you're eating half the sugar, and you are not feeling deprived because you don't need more," she said. The same strategy can work for salty or fatty foods.

6. Enjoy foods in their simplest forms.

This is one way to cut back on ultra-processed foods, which by definition have been substantially altered from their original ingredients.

Instead of buying a flavored yogurt with many additives, choose plain yogurt and add fresh fruit. If it needs more sweetness, add some maple syrup, honey or jam. This way, you control how much sugar goes in and enjoy ingredients closer to how they naturally occur.

7. Rethink the link between taste and health.

"I get very sad when I hear people equate healthy foods with not tasty, and the opposite, that if it's delicious, it's unhealthy," Perelman said.

Part of her work involves introducing patients to nutritious foods that are also flavorful. She also encourages them to reconsider foods they previously thought were appealing.

For example, if someone says they love Hershey's Kisses, she asks them to eat one very slowly and pay close attention to the taste and texture. Many people then realize it is not as enjoyable as they thought. "They go, 'Oh, it's actually waxy and super sweet, and I can barely taste the chocolate,'" she said. Some begin to choose darker chocolates with richer flavor.

8. Be mindful, not paranoid.

Much of what Perelman teaches centers on awareness and attention rather than strict avoidance. Excessive restriction can backfire and make cravings stronger.

Instead, she encourages people to understand what they are eating and how it affects their bodies. Food sends powerful biological signals that influence digestion, hormone levels and metabolism. Choosing healthier options more often can help people feel better in the short term and, over time, support longer and healthier lives.

SALAD BLENDS
GREENHOUSE GROWN
SPENCER PLATT

A New York City grocery store on Aug. 13.

Meta

Meta is proud to donate Ray-Ban Meta glasses to every blind veteran in America.

Don Overton lost his sight defending our freedom. Today, he uses Ray-Ban Meta glasses to navigate the world and "get my independence back."

The future is for everyone - especially those who risked their lives for America.

Explore our commitment to America's veterans:
bva.org/glasses

SPORTS
Serena Williams teams with Carlos Alcaraz and scores a 'W' at the U.S. Open. **B7**

METRO
He's blue. He's cute. He's drawing crowds of nature lovers to Alexandria. **B13**

The Washington Post
Style
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

NATHAN HOWARD/REUTERS

APPRECIATION

Fabares's acting was shaped by intention

BY **ROBERT LLOYD**
Los Angeles Times

Hypothetically speaking, were you of an age when television — broadcast television — regularly reran "The Donna Reed Show" and mid-'60s Elvis Presley movies, Shelley Fabares, who starred in both and died Sunday at the age of 82, might well have made a lasting impression on your impressionable youth. As you went through life together, a little jolt of happiness would accompany every new encounter; across the years there were many opportunities for such meetings, in which one found her older, unavoidably, but never aged. Petite, with delicate features and a soft voice, she nevertheless held a screen with authority.

Of course, you might have gotten on the Fabares train with "Coach," where she played the TV anchor girlfriend (then wife) of star Craig T. Nelson across nine seasons (with two Emmy nominations), or "One Day at a Time," where she provided Bonnie Franklin a competitive foil and sometimes appeared with her aunt, the great Nanette Fabray, as Franklin's mother. You might have absorbed her cumulative presence across decades of guest roles from "The Twilight Zone" to "The Rockford Files" to "Newhart." There are a lot of doors into this house.

Fabares would say that she had worked since the age of 3, first as a child model. She acted from age 10; her early television appearances included episodes of "Fury" and "Captain Midnight," the "Mickey Mouse Club" serial "Annette," and as Paul Newman's kid sister in a celebrated 1955 TV production of "Our Town," along with Eva Marie Saint and Frank Sinatra. She was 14 in 1958 when she was cast in "The Donna Reed

SEE **APPRECIATION** ON **B2**

SCREENS

A focus on the Duffys, not on America

Transportation secretary's YouTube series tells us more about family than nation

BY **MONICA HESSE**

Apologies for being so late on this, guys, but Sean Duffy's reality show travelogue debuted last week when I was experiencing my own American holiday in its purest form, i.e. learning about the War of 1812 while eating fudge on a horse, so it took me a few days to get around to watching "The Great American Road Trip."

But finally, here we are in a new YouTube series, celebrating the unique wonder of the United States with our secretary of transportation, his television-host wife, his nine children, and his product placements. "Road Trip" is marketed as a highways-and-byways celebration of America's 250th, but it was controversially corporate-sponsored, which might explain why the Duffys visit that iconic American vacation destination, a Boeing factory, and why Sean later finds himself cheerfully asking a random executive in a hard hat, "What makes a great asphalt company?" And, "Did you grow up in the asphalt business?" And, "Do you fill up *all* the drums with asphalt?"

Alexis de Tocqueville we are not.

We are … what, exactly? In six episodes, we are the Duffys piled into a series of rental cars, sprinting up the Rocky steps in Philadelphia, skiing in Jackson Hole, sorting cattle in Texas, inching down the Grand Canyon on world-weary mules. We are taking our daughter Paloma on a college tour of Harvard, but we are making it clear we don't want her to actually go there because "they have professionalized figuring out how they can take good

SEE **SCREENS** ON **B2**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Above, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy and his family in the Philadelphia episode of "The Great American Road Trip." At top, Duffy and his wife, Rachel Campos-Duffy, wave the checkered flags at the end of the Freedom 250 Grand Prix IndyCar Series race on Sunday in downtown Washington.

The big impression of Scott's small films

BY **JOSH ROTTENBERG**
Los Angeles Times

There are, broadly speaking, two Ridley Scotts.

There's Big Ridley, the visionary filmmaker of large-scale epics who has spent nearly 50 years creating some of the most indelible worlds in modern movies. He's the Ridley who unleashed a xenomorph aboard the Nostromo in "Alien" (1979), conjured the dystopian Los Angeles of "Blade Runner" (1982), resurrected ancient Rome in "Gladiator" (2000) and plunged American soldiers into the chaos of Mogadishu in "Black Hawk Down" (2001). Big Ridley commands armies of extras, builds enormous sets and deploys cutting-edge visual effects to create places that no longer exist — or never did. His movies have grossed roughly $5 billion worldwide.

Then there's Small Ridley.

Small Ridley is the director who brings the volume down and puts the people front and center. Sometimes that means a genuinely smaller movie. Other times the canvas can still be enormous; what's small is the intimate story Scott chooses to tell within it.

That often-less-heralded side of Scott has been there from his first feature, 1977's "The Duellists," which sets an obsessive two-man feud against the sweep of the Napoleonic Wars. Scott's latest film, "The Dog Stars," in theaters Aug. 28, is set after a pandemic has wiped out most of humanity. That might sound like Big Ridley territory but the movie, adapted from Peter Heller's 2012 novel, keeps its focus on a small band of survivors, including a pilot (Jacob Elordi) living at an abandoned airport with a heavily armed survivalist (Josh Brolin). With almost everyone else gone, the story comes down to people trying to figure out how to live with one another at the

SEE **SCOTT** ON **B3**

In 'Road Trip' series, the Duffys are in the driver's seat

SCREENS FROM **B1**

young girls like you and, I think, corrupt their minds."

Two episodes in it becomes clear that this is not a show about America. It's a show about the Duffy family, whose patriarch and matriarch (weekend "Fox & Friends" host Rachel Campos-Duffy) were both 1990s cast members of "The Real World" and who, on multiple occasions, seem like they're trying to reboot that reality TV career. In the Texas episode they speak of how their next chapter might involve buying a ranch there, and you can feel the hopeful sidelong glances emanating through your screen: *Would you watch if we did that? It would be like "Yellowstone," if "Yellowstone" starred Candace Cameron Bure. My boots cost $7,000.*

Either that, or this is a soft launch of a 2028 presidential run. Politicians used to write books to signal their interest in the top job, but this format is perhaps more effective at introducing you to all the people you'd see on the White House Christmas card, if only the Transportation Department's official YouTube page can become must-see TV.

Paloma's college decision stretches through multiple episodes. Eldest daughter Evita shares that she is pregnant and hires a sonographer in Wyoming to reveal the gender on air. Her husband, Michael, is running for his father-in-law's old congressional seat in Wisconsin. Sean Duffy is a terrible dancer, we are informed, but frankly, when he learns the grapevine at a honky-tonk, he looks leagues better than Pete Hegseth did when the defense secretary performed the same move in a calisthenics session with troops and resembled a dog trying to escape rain booties.

The whole family is *telegenic*, let me tell you. Every last one of them, from Rachel's elderly father, who pops in to teach the family to make piñatas, to 6-year-old Valentina, the family's youngest child. In the Trump administration we have become accustomed to representatives whose presentation is just a mess. Their press releases have typos. The fireworks are four hours late. Someone always looks like Uncle Fester. Their moves are waxen or wooden or herky-jerky or honestly just *weird:* Footage went viral of JD Vance jogging in Southern California because viewers wondered if it was possibly the vice president's first time running, ever.

ROD LAMKEY/AP

Sean Duffy and family after he was sworn in as transportation secretary by Vice President JD Vance in 2025.

And then you have "The Great American Road Trip," which is slick, well-packaged, and featuring a dozen compelling personalities, including more than enough children for those of you who might enjoy playing the guessing game "Which of these polite youths is secretly a liberal?" When we joke about having a reality-show presidential administration, the best-case scenario is someone who learned how to string out a storyline on MTV, not someone who whips off his shirt to ride exercise bikes with Kid Rock.

Sean and Rachel, now married for 27 years, seem like great parents and a good hang. While it is their Catholic faith that guides all of their decisions — "My job is to get you into heaven, not to get you into Harvard," Rachel explains at one point — the Duffys also seem deeply relatable to anyone of any creed who has reared a child. When son Patrick collapses with stomach pain at the Wyoming ski resort, Sean rushes him to the hospital as the rest of the family waits anxiously at the hotel. Patrick is prepped for surgery, but it turns out he doesn't have appendicitis, he has constipation. Rachel sighs and tells Sean, "S--- happens."

ERIC LEE/GETTY IMAGES

Duffy and his wife, Rachel Campos-Duffy, watch Sunday's Freedom 250 Grand Prix in downtown Washington.

It turns out, also, that "The Great American Road Trip" *is* about America after all. But it's about something more than you can learn on a tour of Independence Hall or visiting an ivy-covered university. It's about us, the country's citizens: what the characters on our screens choose to reveal to us, and what they don't, and how we relate to them as a result. It's about the feeling of meeting people you absolutely enjoy as people, but whom you know might disagree with many of your politics. This is an experience folks of every political stripe these days can identify with. Would you like to go on a road trip with this family? Sure. Would you like this family to run the executive branch of the United States government? Uhh.

When Sean waxes on about patriotic revolutions at the Liberty Bell, are we talking about the Revolutionary War, or are we dog-whistling J6? The Duffys hope to keep Paloma away from Harvard because they want her to remain a "traditional" girl – but the show is careful to never quite spell out what "traditional" means to them. It can't mean stay-at-home wife: Rachel is an accomplished career woman herself. Are we talking about LGTBQ stuff, then? Climate stuff? Birth control?

Paloma replies that, if her parents want her to have a well-rounded education and come into her own mind — as they say they do — then *shouldn't* she go to a liberal-leaning college? She already attended a very conservative high school and was raised in a very conservative family, she points out, so it seems to her that intellectual balance would come from the Ivy League rather than the small Catholic university her mother is rooting for.

Her parents tell her, no. No, unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. Harvard and its ilk are so skilled and insidious that Paloma is going to walk in there with her head on her shoulders and leave with, I don't know, a bag of gender pronouns and a tattoo of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's egg retrieval. It's too dangerous for Paloma to risk associating with these people.

But if that's the case, then is it equally risky for liberals to spend too much time with the Duffy family? If I spend too long in this minivan am I going to start writing for the Federalist? Opposing bike lanes? Maybe that's the whole point.

From what I can tell after skimming some headlines, other critics — the dutiful ones who weren't eating fudge in Michigan and thus filed their essays on time — have lambasted "The Great American Road Trip" as either embarrassing dad cringe or alarming grift.

Those weren't my takeaways, though. Rather, "The Great American Road Trip" seemed like an example of a nice family taking the kind of nice trips that any of us would probably love to take our nice families on, if gas wasn't $4.15 a gallon and we had the paid vacation available to get away six different times in one year. The Duffys, who bicker, make inside jokes and roll their eyes at their parents, are just like us.

Let's all of us, the entire country, hop in a corporate-sponsored Toyota. We'll visit the Philadelphia Museum of Art and a Boeing factory. We'll marvel at a bald eagle in a South Carolina wildlife refuge, and then we'll have a strangely planted conversation explaining how all of your travels can be paid for with credit card points, if you're crafty enough. Go to Harvard. Go to Texas. The scenery is beautiful and we've got nothing to do but drive, or drive each other crazy, or run out of gas, or swerve into a ditch and wait for AAA and the midterms. Whichever comes first.

Besides her starring roles, Fabares had an array of guest appearances on TV

APPRECIATION FROM **B1**

Show," a comparatively unsentimental family comedy in which she provided teenage female energy of an unusually reflective sort as Mary Stone. She's the serious child, with younger brother Paul Petersen the impulsive scamp.

There's a gravity, even a melancholy to her Mary Stone, which drew on Fabares' ability to project a genuine inner life into the least promising scenarios. She is a genius at looking and listening. In a show that inevitably can seem dated — Lorelai and Rory watch it, ironically, in an episode of "Gilmore Girls" — Fabares reads as unusually modern. She never does too much but draws you in by doing just the right amount of little. (Indeed, there's more than a touch of Mary Stone in Rory Gilmore.) Mary's plotlines tend to revolve around her interest in boys, which may be considered both indicative of the times and of being, you know, adolescent, though one feels somehow that she'd actually be too much for any of the boys she's interested in.

It's impossible not to mention the song "Johnny Angel," which Fabares had been elbowed into recording for the show and which, despite her claims of having no singing ability, became a No. 1 single in 1962; two albums, "Shelley!" and "The Things We Did Last Summer," followed. But this is a mere blip on her career.

She was 20 when she left "Donna Reed" after its fifth season (returning for an occasional appearance). "It really was like the girl or the boy making the decision to move away from home to go to college," she later told an interviewer. After a grown-up role in 1963's Hawaii-set drama "Ride the Wild Surf" (a trailer describes her character as "old enough to fall in love, too young to know any better"), she entered her Presley period, playing opposite him in three pictures "Girl Happy" (1965), "Spinout" (1966) and "Clambake" (1967) — as many as Doris Day and Rock Hudson made together, around the same time — not the worst of the singer's screen canon, and if you are in the mood, or the right age when you first encounter them, quite delightful. This is especially true if you overlook the sillier production numbers and hacky plots and focus on the stars' scenes together. They are compatibly beautiful; her softness brings out his, and she grounds him in a way that, say, Ann-Margret, Presley's more aggressive co-star in "Viva Las Vegas," did not.

Fabares's post-Elvis years were devoted almost exclusively to television, with "Coach," where she generally played the adult in the room, in the final season, with an adopted baby, became a TV mom herself; and 23 episodes of "One Day at a Time," in which she progressed from guest to recurring to regular; her well-remembered Francine Webster is ambitious and manipulative in a strangely innocent way, there is a sort of purity to her self-centeredness — an eccentric character played without mannerisms.

In and around them, to fill out the century, were various guest spots ("Ironside," "McCloud," "Mannix," et al., and multiple episodes of "The Love Boat" and "Fantasy Island"), and a few more or less successful series (more less than more). These included 1972's "The Brian Keith Show," a single-camera, location-rich sitcom with Keith and Fabares as father and daughter pediatricians in Hawaii; "The Practice," a 1976 Danny Thomas sitcom, with Fabares as his daughter-in-law; the gothic comedy "Highcliffe Manor," which aired four of six episodes in 1979; and the 1977 "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" sequel "Forever Fernwood." There were TV movies, including the 1971 biopic "Brian's Song" (seen by 55 million people and later released in theaters) with Fabares as the wife of dying halfback Brian Piccolo, and a 1993 thriller, "Deadly Relations," also starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Urich and Matthew Perry. In this century, she has been essentially retired, for whatever combination of reasons actors can't, or don't care to, work. Still, one would call it a decision.

I recommend watching Fabares anywhere you can; it's always rewarding, whatever the context. It's worth looking at her the way she looks at Elvis, or Donna Reed, or Craig Nelson or any scene partner, with attention and intention. Happily, you can find her without much trouble in the deep streaming library, where she springs, for the foreseeable digital future, eternal.

MIKE WINDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Shelley Fabares at a Screen Actors Guild event in 2016. In "The Donna Reed Show," her movies with Elvis and the sitcom "Coach," Fabares is definitely worth another look.

A toddler's car sickness prompts an unintended detour to a private driveway

Miss Manners
JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: We were driving in a rural area with two grandkids in the back seat. One of them vomited.

We deemed the narrow shoulders of the state highway unsafe for a stop, so we made a right turn into the first available road. That road had no shoulder at all, so we turned again. What we thought was another rural road turned out to be someone's long driveway. We stopped about halfway between the road and the house.

A person was sitting on the porch. We debated whether to walk over and explain what brought us there, as we were too far to talk (shouting would definitely be impolite). In the end, we just cleaned up the poor toddler, turned around and drove away. Of course we did not leave any trash.

Should we have done anything differently?

Homeowners who would be enraged by a brief pullover on their property unaccompanied by any attendant debris or damage used to be confined to the comic relief scenes in movies.

Now they apparently inhabit a substantial portion of the land, both urban and rural.

Nevertheless, you did nothing unmannerly. Had you wished to stop and explain, Miss Manners believes it would, paradoxically, be easier to do so while asking for something trivial. Simply apologizing for stopping does seem like expanding on the original intrusion.

It is easier to say you are sorry to bother them while explaining that you have a sick toddler and asking if they could please spare a wet paper towel so you can clean up the back seat.

This has the added benefit of minimizing the chances of being invited to stay for lunch even by the unexpectedly friendly.

Dear Miss Manners: One of the women in my church group got married, and only one person from our group was invited.

The invited guest came back with pictures, and everyone remarked about how beautiful the bride was. She explained that it was a small wedding, and that was why we were not invited.

Our group leader suggested that we take a collection for the bride and her new husband. I reluctantly donated despite the fact that we were not invited to the ceremony. Our group is small and tight-knit, and honestly I felt that if we were not asked to attend, why should we send a gift? Am I wrong for feeling this way?

How you feel about it is between you and — whomever you and your church group address such things to.

But if you are asking Miss Manners if you have to contribute to a present, the answer is that you do not. Say thank you, but that you are thinking of doing something yourself.

Mind you, you are not off the hook yet: You do not have to send a gift, but if you do not at least send a handwritten letter of congratulations, it is going to be noticed — this being, as you said, a small, tight-knit group.

New Miss Manners columns are posted Monday through Saturday on *washingtonpost.com/advice*. You can send questions to Miss Manners at her website, *missmanners.com*. You can also follow her *@RealMissManners*.

© 2025 Judith Martin

With Ridley Scott movies, bigger isn't necessarily better

FABIO LOVINO/20TH CENTURY STUDIOS

Jacob Elordi, left, and Josh Brolin in "The Dog Stars," a postapocalyptic film directed by Ridley Scott that opens in theaters on Friday.

SCOTT FROM **B1**

end of the world.

At 88, Scott is still cranking out movies with little apparent interest in slowing down. This fall, the academy will give him an honorary Oscar and he's got plenty of Big Ridley on deck, including a pirate movie starring Hugh Jackman and, hopefully, his long-awaited take on the Bee Gees.

But with "The Dog Stars" as our excuse, we decided to spend some time with Small Ridley. The seven movies below aren't a ranking of Scott's best and they aren't necessarily his smallest. You could make a case for "Black Rain" (1989), "White Squall" (1996) or plenty of others. But these seven are a good place to start. Some rank among Scott's most acclaimed films; others are still being argued over. Together, they reveal a vital side of his filmmaking that can easily get overshadowed in a career this big.

'The Duellists' (1977)

With "Alien" and "Blade Runner" just around the corner, it's easy to overlook Scott's astonishingly assured feature debut, which won him the prize for best first film at Cannes. Based on a Joseph Conrad story, the period drama follows two officers in Napoleon's army (Keith Carradine and Harvey Keitel) whose minor quarrel condemns them to 15 years of repeatedly trying to kill each other. Scott was already unmistakably a visual stylist — these misty landscapes and candlelit interiors often look like paintings come to life — but he also seems keenly aware of the absurdity of it all. Keitel's Feraud keeps provoking the feud; Carradine's D'Hubert recognizes its madness but remains too bound by the same code of honor to walk away. Wars come and go, Napoleon rises and falls and these two men remain prisoners of a duty neither seems capable of escaping.

'Someone to Watch Over Me' (1987)

A box-office flop that divided critics, this sleek, sexually charged romantic thriller remains an intriguing detour in Scott's career, playing more like an Adrian Lyne movie — think "9½ Weeks" or "Fatal Attraction" — than the kind of film he was known for making. Tom Berenger plays a married Queens cop assigned to protect wealthy Manhattan murder witness Mimi Rogers, while a pre-"Sopranos" Lorraine Bracco portrays the wife he leaves waiting at home. As Berenger and Rogers are drawn into an affair, Scott plays up the contrast between her wealthy Upper East Side world and his working-class life in an outer borough. But it's Bracco who keeps the movie honest, making the wronged wife more than a stock character and giving the affair consequences the movie can't romanticize away.

SCOTT A GARFITT/INVISION/AP

Director Ridley Scott in 2024. His résumé includes epic films such as "Blade Runner" and "Gladiator," but many of his smaller movies with intimate storylines are equally compelling.

'Thelma & Louise' (1991)

Scott originally intended only to produce this one, a film built around a female friendship that hardly seemed an obvious fit for him as a director. Callie Khouri's screenplay takes the traditionally male mythology of the American road movie and hands the keys to two women: Thelma (Geena Davis), a timid Arkansas housewife, and Louise (Susan Sarandon), a more worldly waitress. Their weekend getaway takes a violent turn, sending them into the wilderness in Louise's Thunderbird. Both Oscar-nominated, Davis and Sarandon play beautifully off each other, funny and loose in one moment, frightened or furious the next. Scott makes glorious use of the open road and the Western landscape, even as Thelma and Louise find themselves running out of places to go.

'Matchstick Men' (2003)

This offbeat con-man comedy pairs the director with Nicolas Cage, an actor who turns out to be an unexpectedly good fit for him. Cage plays Roy, a gifted con artist with obsessive-compulsive disorder whose tics, phobias and elaborate rituals have turned his immaculate home into a fortress against the world. Sam Rockwell plays Frank, his slicker, more easygoing partner — he gives Cage's tightly wound performance someone to ricochet off. Then Roy learns he has a teenage daughter, Angela (Alison Lohman), who throws his carefully ordered life into chaos. The con supplies the plot, but the movie is really about what happens when people who lie for a living start trusting one another.

'American Gangster' (2007)

At close to two-and-a-half hours with a story that stretches from Harlem to Southeast Asia, "American Gangster" hardly seems like Small Ridley at first glance. But beneath the sprawl, the movie is essentially a two-man character study. Steven Zaillian's script unfolds along parallel tracks: Fastidious Harlem drug lord Frank Lucas (Denzel Washington) builds his empire while Richie Roberts (Russell Crowe), the rumpled, dogged cop trying to catch him, builds his case. For a long stretch, it's like watching two heavyweight fighters circle each other round after round without throwing a punch. Only in the final act does Scott bring Washington and Crowe together and the confrontation we've waited for turns out to be two formidable men sitting across a table, sizing each other up.

'The Counselor' (2013)

Pairing Ridley Scott with Cormac McCarthy for the acclaimed novelist's first original screenplay sounded like a can't-miss proposition, especially with a stacked cast that included Michael Fassbender, Brad Pitt, Javier Bardem, Penélope Cruz and Cameron Diaz. What resulted was a chilly, moody crime thriller that critics largely savaged (The Los Angeles Times's Kenneth Turan called it an "extremely unpleasant piece of business"), though the movie has since found its share of defenders. Fassbender plays a wealthy Texas lawyer whose decision to get involved in a drug deal puts him in the path of a powerful cartel. Much of the movie consists of Fassbender sitting with Pitt and Bardem as they talk ominously about the dangerous world he's gotten himself into. The bursts of violence are brief. Most of the menace comes from simply listening to these people philosophize about death, fate and the consequences of bad decisions.

'All the Money in the World' (2017)

Scott had already finished shooting his thriller about the 1973 kidnapping of teenage J. Paul Getty III when sexual misconduct allegations surfaced against Kevin Spacey, whom he'd cast as oil billionaire J. Paul Getty. Rather than shelve the movie, Scott — ever the problem solver — replaced him with Christopher Plummer and reshot 22 scenes just weeks before it was due in theaters. Plummer's Getty is imperious and withholding, refusing to pay the ransom for his kidnapped grandson and seemingly puzzled that anyone would expect him to. Despite its globe-trotting kidnapping plot, much of the movie's tension comes down to people in rooms trying to persuade an old man to part with his money. Plummer, then 88, earned an Oscar nomination for a performance shot in just nine days.

Scott was 80 when he pulled the whole thing off. Somehow he made it look easy.

Music industry in Australia bans AI-created tracks from official charts

BY **ROD MCGUIRK**
Associated Press

AURELIEN MORISSARD/AP

Madonna in 2026. An AI-generated variation of her song "Like a Prayer" has been on the singles chart in Australia for 16 weeks.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA — Australia's recorded music industry will bar tracks wholly generated by artificial intelligence from official charts as burgeoning generative technologies threaten artists' livelihoods, a representative said on Tuesday.

The crackdown comes as a variation of Madonna's pop hit "Like a Prayer" created by an Australian producer using AI-generated vocals and drums has spent 16 weeks in the Australian top 20, stoking debate about generative AI's place in music. It peaked at number two on the Australian Record Industry Association's top 20 Australian singles chart in May and remained in fourth place on Tuesday.

Wholly AI-generated tracks will be banned from the ARIA charts from Monday next week, but some AI-assisted music will remain eligible, an ARIA statement said.

Tracks can be eligible only if "humans wrote the song and performed the lead vocal and the primary instruments," among other requirements, the statement said.

AI-generated music would also be ineligible for the Australian industry's prestigious ARIA awards.

ARIA chief executive Annabelle Herd said: "These changes reflect our intent to remain dynamic and promote the human nature of artistry in what is — to say the least — a rapidly developing space."

"The ARIA Charts will always remain a transparent measurement of the music Australia consumes, but a chart that rewards unlicensed AI output would undercut the very basis of the recorded music we exist to represent," Herd added.

Eligible music must also be produced using legal AI services. Music was appearing on streaming services that had apparently been developed with AI tools trained on artists' music without authorization.

The Australian rules are in step with new principles released in July by the London-based International Federation of the Phonographic Industry. The federation represents the recording industry worldwide.

The international guidelines state that to qualify for official music charts, a track must be "substantially human made."

Sydney Conservatorium of Music composer and lecturer Alexis Weaver told Australian Broadcasting Corp. the debate around AI in music was "exceptionally fraught and very emotional for a lot of musicians and so everyone will have a different opinion."

Weaver applauded ARIA's move as a "wonderful step forward" that sent a message ARIA wanted to "prioritize and value human creativity."

"It can be quite hard to avoid AI tools in the current landscape," Weaver said. "There is a way to use it while you're still steering the ship and making the main creative choices."

Parents fall deep into debt while trying to help divorced daughter stay afloat

Asking Eric
R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: Our youngest child has worked only part time for the past two years, despite being a single mother to two children. At the same time her job situation deteriorated, my husband and I moved away from the city where we all had lived. Our daughter felt abandoned when we left, especially since my husband and I were babysitters, money givers, homework doers, food suppliers, etc.

Our daughter was invited to move with us but could not because of the father. Courts would not allow it.

We have been helping our daughter with many expenses: car insurance for two cars, cellphone for her and her kids, internet, Netflix, cable, laundry, incidentals, and food. Plus, we have helped with the rent on and off and helped with summer classes for the kids, legal fees, special ed teachers, et cetera. Her ex contributes what the courts told him to and not a penny more.

These expenses have been very hard on my husband and me financially. We dipped into our savings three times and once took money out of our house. Now, once again, we are in credit card debt up to our necks (more than $30,000), and none of the expenses are ours.

When I tried to explain this problem to our daughter, she flipped out, as she occasionally does. Most of the time she is nice to us. Sometimes, she yells the house down at us and calls us names.

I discussed this problem with my sister, and she said I was being manipulated, that our daughter needed therapy, and that we should cut her off and set boundaries. But how can we cut off our adored grandchildren from food and clean clothes and shoes and school supplies?

We are drowning. She has two of my credit cards and all the charges are hers. The rest of her expenses come directly out of my checking account. Can you help?

— *Afraid of My Own Daughter's Temper*

Afraid: Listen to your sister. It won't serve you, your daughter or your grandchildren for you to sink into financial ruin. Write a budget for yourself and be very up-front with your daughter about what the limits of that budget are. Set up external boundaries — if you choose to keep paying her credit cards, lower the limits so that the credit card companies won't approve charges that exceed them, for instance.

She may argue that you have the money and should give it but, without putting too fine a point on it, it seems clear that you don't have the money. You are borrowing against your house and in a lot of debt. This isn't simply a matter of you choosing to let your grandchildren go without; the money isn't there. Her anger is misdirected; indeed, it does seem manipulative. Regardless, it's not solving any problems. If she can't engage with you civilly, you have to set a boundary there, too.

If reducing your support means that your grandchildren would go without clean clothes, there's a larger issue in the system here that you can't solve on your own. But there are many steps before that. Netflix is not a requirement, for instance. The second car may not be necessary. A financial adviser or a free budgeting program can help you identify some places to cut.

Dear Eric: I'm 40 years old; I have three teenage daughters and have been married to my new husband for almost a year. I was recently prescribed a pair of glasses just for reading. My husband thinks that I look fantastic in them and has asked a few times if I would consider wearing them all the time.

I did order blended bifocals so I could keep them on at the office so I really could comfortably just leave them on. Personally, I feel I'm more attractive without them and that they make me look older.

I can't decide what to do. Should I continue wearing them only when I really need to? Or should I give them a try for a couple of weeks as my husband has suggested?

— *Glasses Half Full*

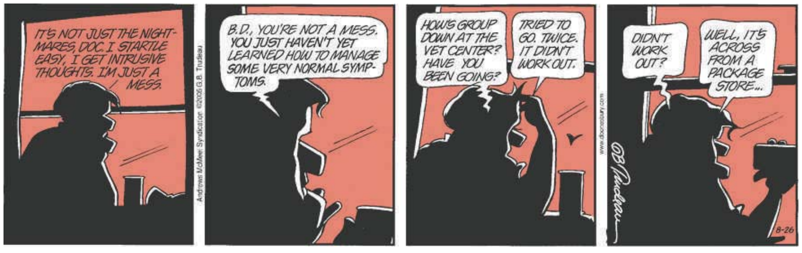
Glasses: It's lovely that your husband is being supportive and is free with his compliments and requests, but what's most important with regard to your appearance is that you feel comfortable. So, if you want to wear the glasses only when you need them, don't give it a second thought. He can learn to see it as a special treat. It's great that he thinks you look fantastic — and I'm sure you do — but if you start wearing them for him and you don't feel great about it, too, it might sour the experience. Better to let the glasses do what they're intended to do: help you read. Anything else is just an added benefit.

Send questions to R. Eric Thomas at *eric@askingeric.com* or P.O. Box 22474, Philadelphia, PA 19110. Follow him on Instagram and sign up for his weekly newsletter at *rericthomas.com*.

© 2025 by R. Eric Thomas. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency.

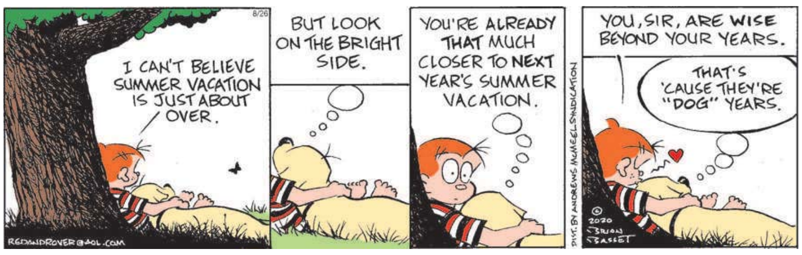
CLASSIC DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU


IT'S NOT JUST THE NIGHTMARES, DOC. I STARTLE EASY, I GET INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS. I'M JUST A MESS.
B.D., YOU'RE NOT A MESS. YOU JUST HAVEN'T YET LEARNED HOW TO MANAGE SOME VERY NORMAL SYMPTOMS.
HOW'S GROUP DOWN AT THE VET CENTER? HAVE YOU BEEN GOING?
TRIED TO GO. TWICE. IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.
DIDN'T WORK OUT?
WELL, IT'S ACROSS FROM A PACKAGE STORE...
Andrews McMeel Syndication ©2005 G.B. Trudeau
www.doonesbury.com
G.B. Trudeau
8-26

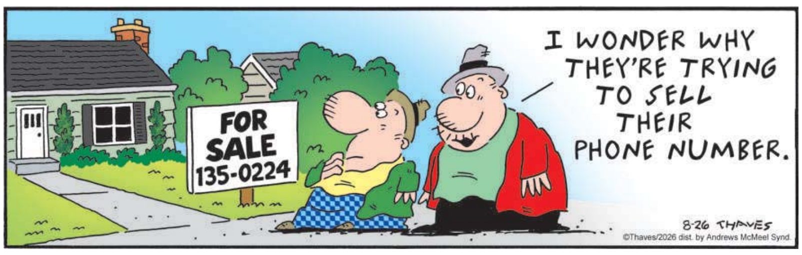
RED AND ROVER

BRIAN BASSET


8/26
I CAN'T BELIEVE SUMMER VACATION IS JUST ABOUT OVER.
BUT LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.
YOU'RE ALREADY THAT MUCH CLOSER TO NEXT YEAR'S SUMMER VACATION.
YOU, SIR, ARE WISE BEYOND YOUR YEARS.
THAT'S 'CAUSE THEY'RE "DOG" YEARS.
REDANDROVER@AOL.COM
DIST. BY ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION
© 2020 BRIAN BASSET

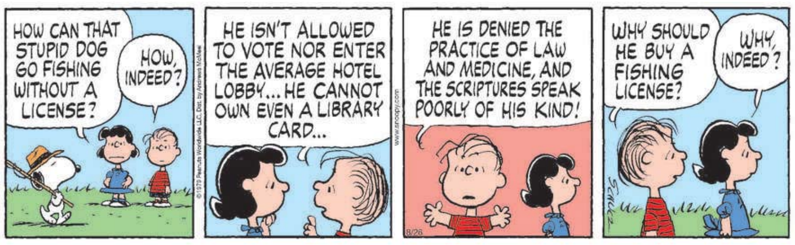
FRANK AND ERNEST

TOM THAVES


FOR SALE 135-0224
I WONDER WHY THEY'RE TRYING TO SELL THEIR PHONE NUMBER.
8-26 THAVES
©Thaves/2026 dist. by Andrews McMeel Synd.

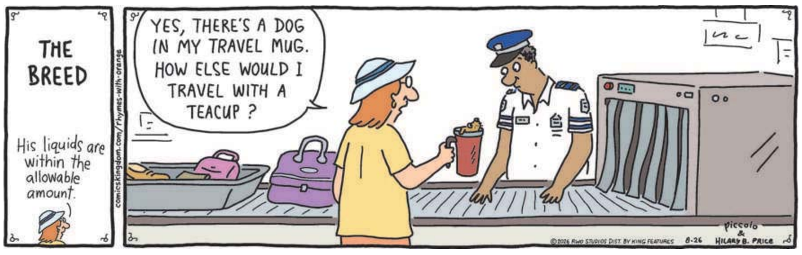
CLASSIC PEANUTS

CHARLES SCHULZ


HOW CAN THAT STUPID DOG GO FISHING WITHOUT A LICENSE?
HOW, INDEED?
HE ISN'T ALLOWED TO VOTE NOR ENTER THE AVERAGE HOTEL LOBBY... HE CANNOT OWN EVEN A LIBRARY CARD...
HE IS DENIED THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND MEDICINE, AND THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK POORLY OF HIS KIND!
WHY SHOULD HE BUY A FISHING LICENSE?
WHY, INDEED?
©1979 Peanuts Worldwide LLC. Dist. by Andrews McMeel
www.snoopy.com
8/26
SCHULZ

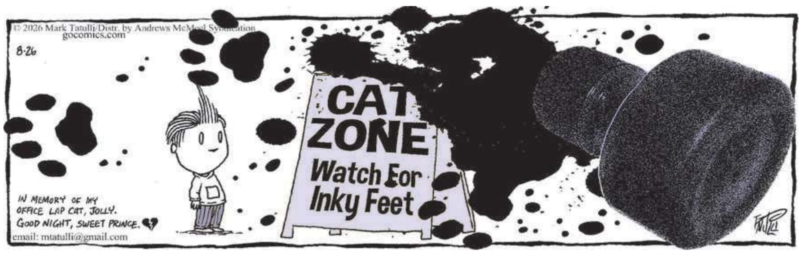
RHYMES WITH ORANGE

HILARY PRICE


THE BREED
His liquids are within the allowable amount.
comicskingdom.com/rhymes-with-orange
YES, THERE'S A DOG IN MY TRAVEL MUG. HOW ELSE WOULD I TRAVEL WITH A TEACUP?
©2026 RWO STUDIOS DIST. BY KING FEATURES 8-26
piccolo & HILARY B. PRICE

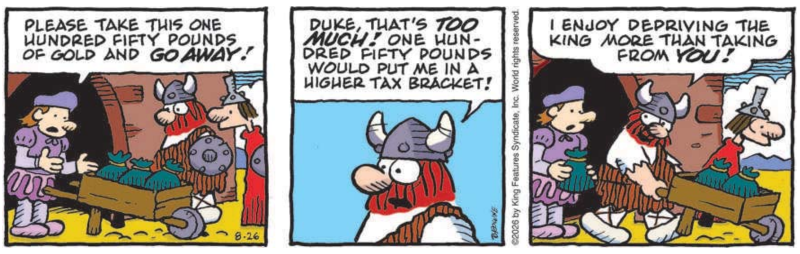
LIO

MARK TATULLI


© 2026 Mark Tatulli/Distr. by Andrews McMeel Syndication gocomics.com
8-26
CAT ZONE Watch For Inky Feet
IN MEMORY OF MY OFFICE LAP CAT, JOLLY. GOOD NIGHT, SWEET PRINCE.
email: mtatulli@gmail.com
TATULLI

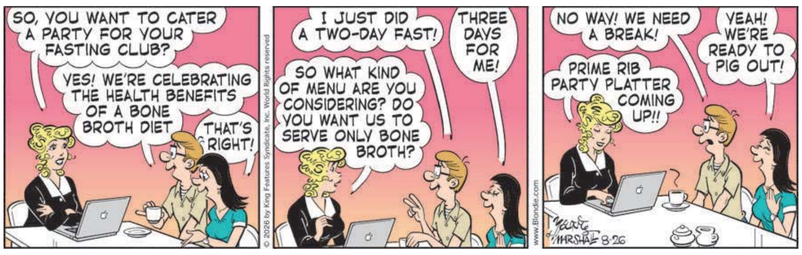
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

CHRIS BROWNE


PLEASE TAKE THIS ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS OF GOLD AND GO AWAY!
8-26
DUKE, THAT'S TOO MUCH! ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS WOULD PUT ME IN A HIGHER TAX BRACKET!
BROWNE
©2026 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.
I ENJOY DEPRIVING THE KING MORE THAN TAKING FROM YOU!

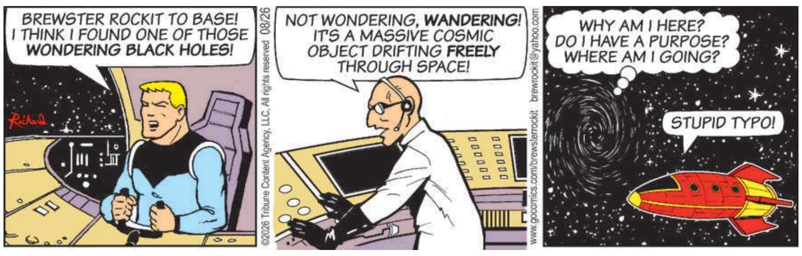
BLONDIE

DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL


SO, YOU WANT TO CATER A PARTY FOR YOUR FASTING CLUB?
YES! WE'RE CELEBRATING THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF A BONE BROTH DIET
THAT'S RIGHT!
© 2026 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World Rights reserved
I JUST DID A TWO-DAY FAST!
THREE DAYS FOR ME!
SO WHAT KIND OF MENU ARE YOU CONSIDERING? DO YOU WANT US TO SERVE ONLY BONE BROTH?
www.Blondie.com
NO WAY! WE NEED A BREAK!
YEAH! WE'RE READY TO PIG OUT!
PRIME RIB PARTY PLATTER COMING UP!!
YOUNG MARSHALL 8-26

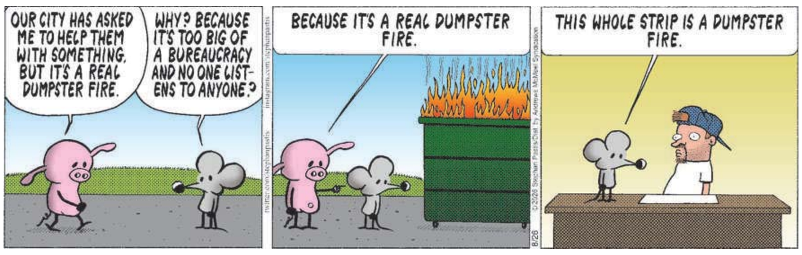
BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!

TIM RICKARD


BREWSTER ROCKIT TO BASE! I THINK I FOUND ONE OF THOSE WONDERING BLACK HOLES!
Rickard
©2026 Tribune Content Agency, LLC, All rights reserved 08/26
NOT WONDERING, WANDERING! IT'S A MASSIVE COSMIC OBJECT DRIFTING FREELY THROUGH SPACE!
www.gocomics.com/brewsterrockit brewrockit@yahoo.com
WHY AM I HERE? DO I HAVE A PURPOSE? WHERE AM I GOING?
STUPID TYPO!

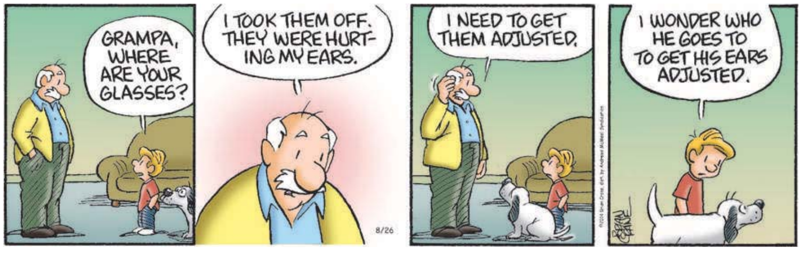
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

STEPHAN PASTIS


OUR CITY HAS ASKED ME TO HELP THEM WITH SOMETHING. BUT IT'S A REAL DUMPSTER FIRE.
WHY? BECAUSE IT'S TOO BIG OF A BUREAUCRACY AND NO ONE LISTENS TO ANYONE?
BECAUSE IT'S A REAL DUMPSTER FIRE.
THIS WHOLE STRIP IS A DUMPSTER FIRE.
©2026 Stephan Pastis/Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication
8/26

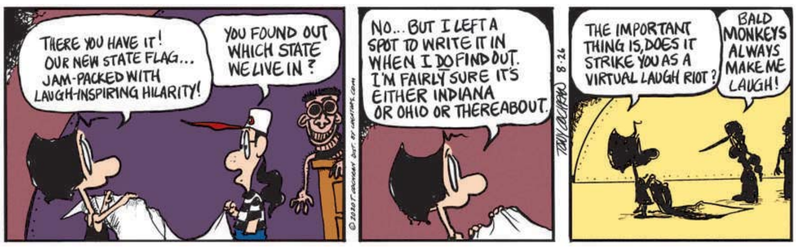
PICKLES

BRIAN CRANE


GRAMPA, WHERE ARE YOUR GLASSES?
I TOOK THEM OFF. THEY WERE HURTING MY EARS.
8/26
I NEED TO GET THEM ADJUSTED.
I WONDER WHO HE GOES TO TO GET HIS EARS ADJUSTED.
BRIAN CRANE

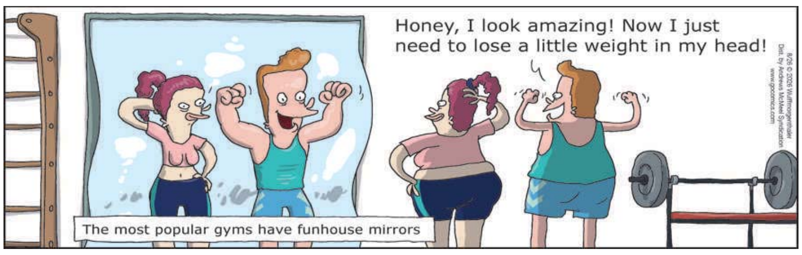
AGNES

TONY COCHRAN


THERE YOU HAVE IT! OUR NEW STATE FLAG... JAM-PACKED WITH LAUGH-INSPIRING HILARITY!
YOU FOUND OUT WHICH STATE WE LIVE IN?
© 2020 T. COCHRAN DIST. BY CREATORS.COM
NO... BUT I LEFT A SPOT TO WRITE IT IN WHEN I DO FIND OUT. I'M FAIRLY SURE IT'S EITHER INDIANA OR OHIO OR THEREABOUT.
TONY COCHRAN 8-26
THE IMPORTANT THING IS, DOES IT STRIKE YOU AS A VIRTUAL LAUGH RIOT?
BALD MONKEYS ALWAYS MAKE ME LAUGH!

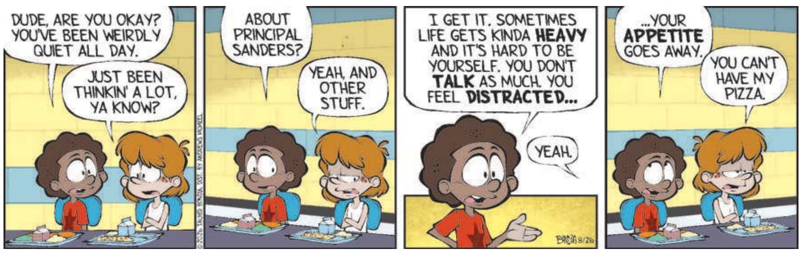
WUMO

MIKAEL WULFF & ANDERS MORGENTHALER


Honey, I look amazing! Now I just need to lose a little weight in my head!
The most popular gyms have funhouse mirrors
8/26 © 2026 Wulffmorgenthaler Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication www.gocomics.com

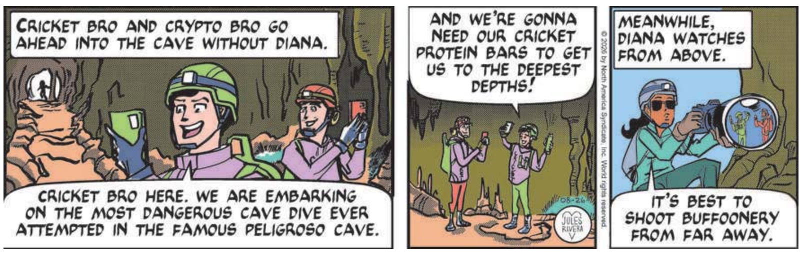
CRABGRASS

TAUHID BONDIA


DUDE, ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'VE BEEN WEIRDLY QUIET ALL DAY.
JUST BEEN THINKIN' A LOT, YA KNOW?
ABOUT PRINCIPAL SANDERS?
YEAH, AND OTHER STUFF.
I GET IT. SOMETIMES LIFE GETS KINDA HEAVY AND IT'S HARD TO BE YOURSELF. YOU DON'T TALK AS MUCH. YOU FEEL DISTRACTED...
YEAH.
BONDIA 8/26
...YOUR APPETITE GOES AWAY.
YOU CAN'T HAVE MY PIZZA.

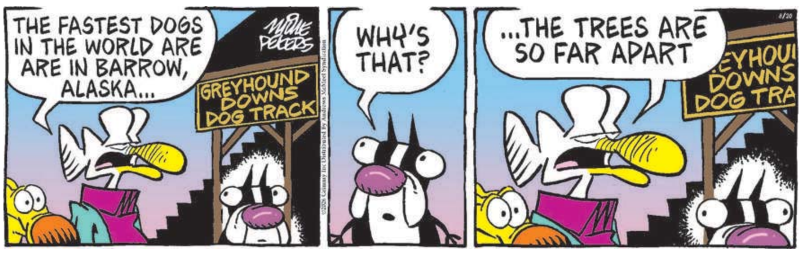
MARK TRAIL

JULES RIVERA


CRICKET BRO AND CRYPTO BRO GO AHEAD INTO THE CAVE WITHOUT DIANA.
CRICKET BRO HERE. WE ARE EMBARKING ON THE MOST DANGEROUS CAVE DIVE EVER ATTEMPTED IN THE FAMOUS PELIGROSO CAVE.
AND WE'RE GONNA NEED OUR CRICKET PROTEIN BARS TO GET US TO THE DEEPEST DEPTHS!
08-26
JULES RIVERA
© 2026 by North America Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.
MEANWHILE, DIANA WATCHES FROM ABOVE.
IT'S BEST TO SHOOT BUFFOONERY FROM FAR AWAY.

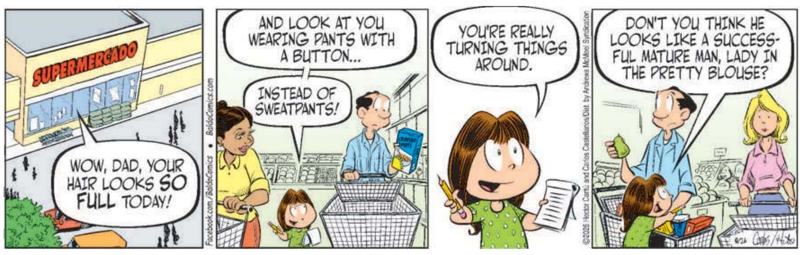
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MIKE PETERS


THE FASTEST DOGS IN THE WORLD ARE ARE IN BARROW, ALASKA...
MIKE PETERS
GREYHOUND DOWNS DOG TRACK
WHY'S THAT?
...THE TREES ARE SO FAR APART
8/26

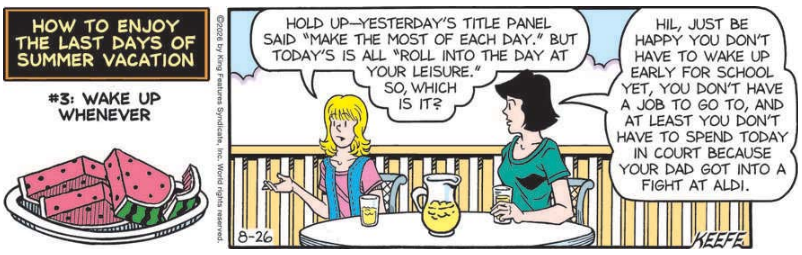
BALDO

HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS


SUPERMERCADO
WOW, DAD, YOUR HAIR LOOKS SO FULL TODAY!
Facebook.com/BaldoComics • BaldoComics.com
AND LOOK AT YOU WEARING PANTS WITH A BUTTON...
INSTEAD OF SWEATPANTS!
YOU'RE REALLY TURNING THINGS AROUND.
©2026 Hector Cantu and Carlos Castellanos/Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication
DON'T YOU THINK HE LOOKS LIKE A SUCCESSFUL MATURE MAN, LADY IN THE PRETTY BLOUSE?
8/26 Carlos/Hector

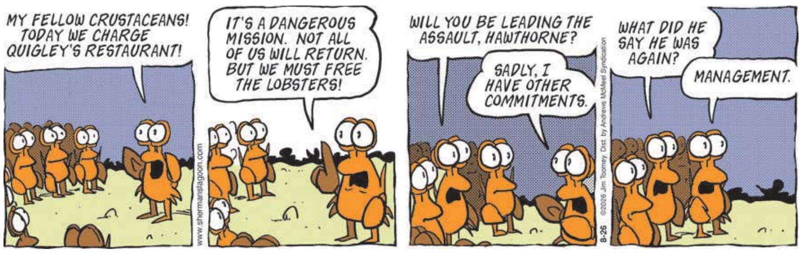
SALLY FORTH

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE


HOW TO ENJOY THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER VACATION
#3: WAKE UP WHENEVER
©2026 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.
HOLD UP—YESTERDAY'S TITLE PANEL SAID "MAKE THE MOST OF EACH DAY." BUT TODAY'S IS ALL "ROLL INTO THE DAY AT YOUR LEISURE." SO, WHICH IS IT?
HIL, JUST BE HAPPY YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAKE UP EARLY FOR SCHOOL YET, YOU DON'T HAVE A JOB TO GO TO, AND AT LEAST YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND TODAY IN COURT BECAUSE YOUR DAD GOT INTO A FIGHT AT ALDI.
8-26
KEEFE

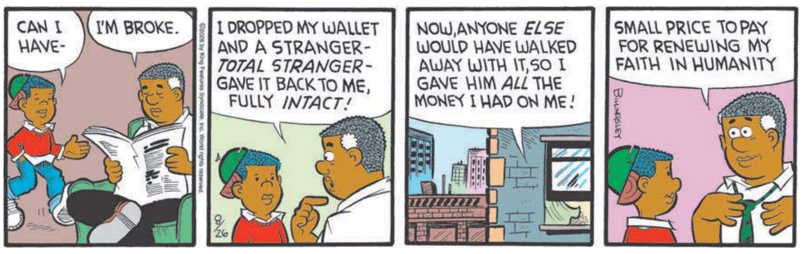
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

JIM TOOMEY


MY FELLOW CRUSTACEANS! TODAY WE CHARGE QUIGLEY'S RESTAURANT!
www.shermanslagoon.com
IT'S A DANGEROUS MISSION. NOT ALL OF US WILL RETURN. BUT WE MUST FREE THE LOBSTERS!
WILL YOU BE LEADING THE ASSAULT, HAWTHORNE?
SADLY, I HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS.
8-26 ©2026 Jim Toomey. Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication
WHAT DID HE SAY HE WAS AGAIN?
MANAGEMENT.

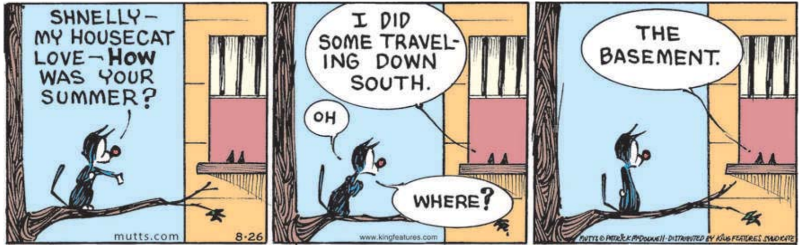
CURTIS

RAY BILLINGSLEY


CAN I HAVE-
I'M BROKE.
©2026 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.
I DROPPED MY WALLET AND A STRANGER-TOTAL STRANGER-GAVE IT BACK TO ME, FULLY INTACT!
8/26
NOW, ANYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE WALKED AWAY WITH IT, SO I GAVE HIM ALL THE MONEY I HAD ON ME!
SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR RENEWING MY FAITH IN HUMANITY
BILLINGSLEY

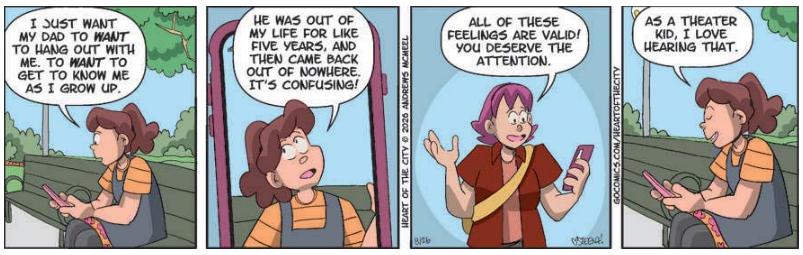
MUTTS

PATRICK McDONNELL


SHNELLY— MY HOUSECAT LOVE— HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER?
I DID SOME TRAVELING DOWN SOUTH.
OH
WHERE?
THE BASEMENT.
mutts.com
8·26
www.kingfeatures.com

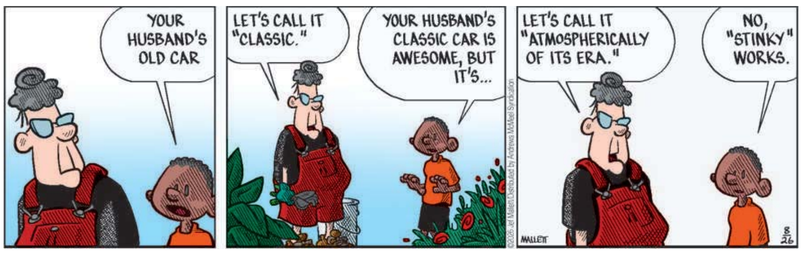
HEART OF THE CITY

STEENZ


I JUST WANT MY DAD TO WANT TO HANG OUT WITH ME. TO WANT TO GET TO KNOW ME AS I GROW UP.
HE WAS OUT OF MY LIFE FOR LIKE FIVE YEARS, AND THEN CAME BACK OUT OF NOWHERE. IT'S CONFUSING!
ALL OF THESE FEELINGS ARE VALID! YOU DESERVE THE ATTENTION.
AS A THEATER KID, I LOVE HEARING THAT.
HEART OF THE CITY © 2026 ANDREWS MCMEEL
GOCOMICS.COM/HEARTOFTHECITY
8/26

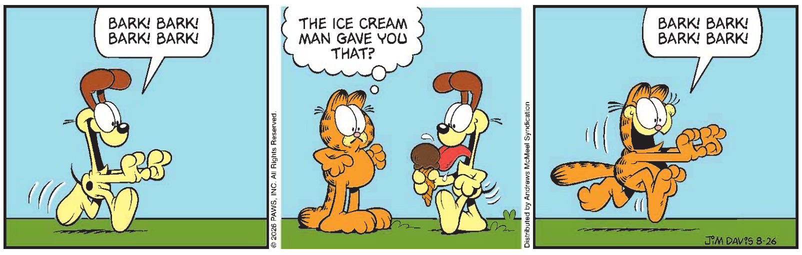
FRAZZ

JEF MALLETT


YOUR HUSBAND'S OLD CAR
LET'S CALL IT "CLASSIC."
YOUR HUSBAND'S CLASSIC CAR IS AWESOME, BUT IT'S...
LET'S CALL IT "ATMOSPHERICALLY OF ITS ERA."
NO, "STINKY" WORKS.
MALLETT
8 26

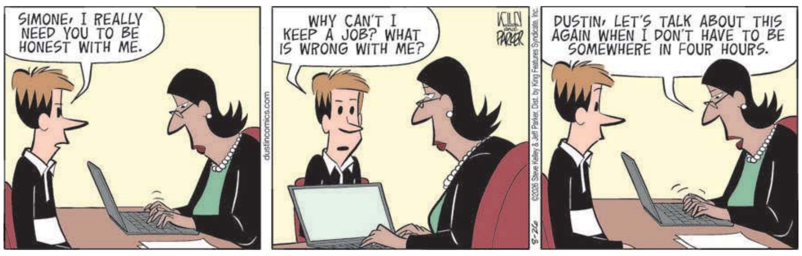
GARFIELD

JIM DAVIS


BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
THE ICE CREAM MAN GAVE YOU THAT?
BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
© 2026 PAWS, INC. All Rights Reserved.
Distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication
JIM DAVIS 8-26

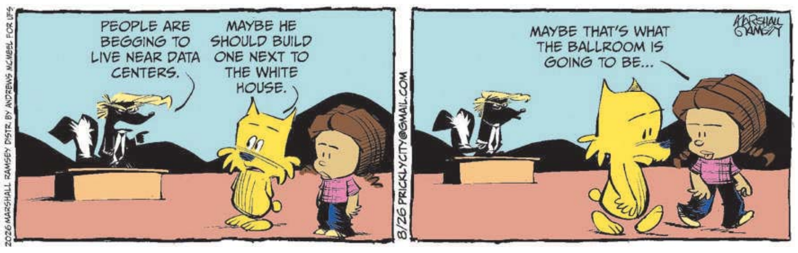
DUSTIN

STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER


SIMONE, I REALLY NEED YOU TO BE HONEST WITH ME.
WHY CAN'T I KEEP A JOB? WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?
DUSTIN, LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS AGAIN WHEN I DON'T HAVE TO BE SOMEWHERE IN FOUR HOURS.
dustincomics.com
8-26

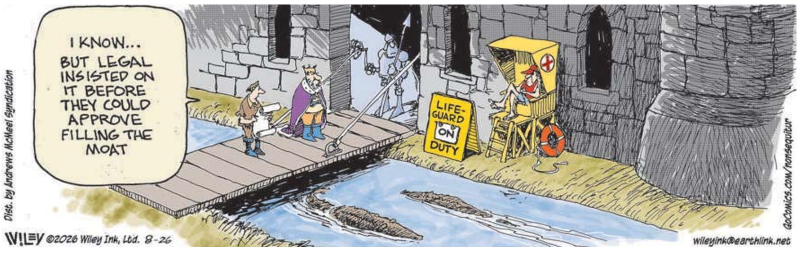
PRICKLY CITY

MARSHALL RAMSEY


PEOPLE ARE BEGGING TO LIVE NEAR DATA CENTERS.
MAYBE HE SHOULD BUILD ONE NEXT TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT THE BALLROOM IS GOING TO BE...
8/26 PRICKLYCITY@GMAIL.COM

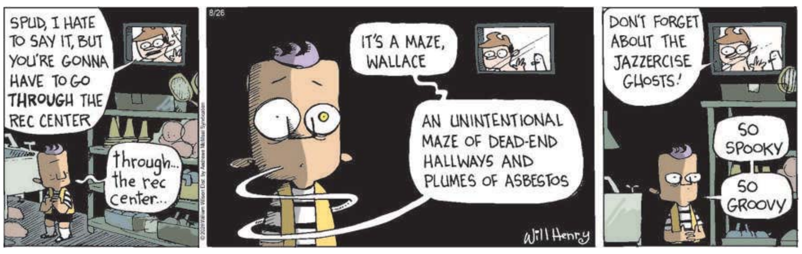
NON SEQUITUR

WILEY


I KNOW... BUT LEGAL INSISTED ON IT BEFORE THEY COULD APPROVE FILLING THE MOAT
LIFE-GUARD ON DUTY
WILEY ©2026 Wiley Ink, Ltd. 8-26
wileyink@earthlink.net
GoComics.com/nonsequitur
Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication

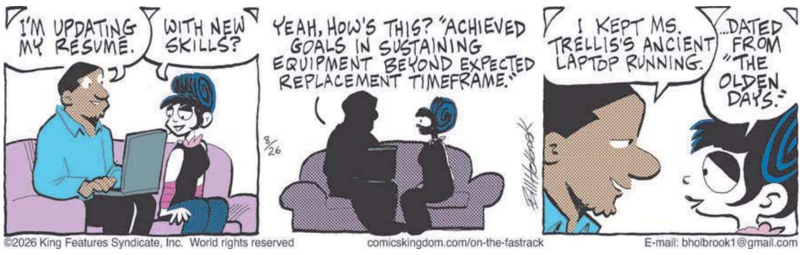
WALLACE THE BRAVE

WILL HENRY


SPUD, I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE REC CENTER
through... the rec center...
8/26
IT'S A MAZE, WALLACE
AN UNINTENTIONAL MAZE OF DEAD-END HALLWAYS AND PLUMES OF ASBESTOS
Will Henry
DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE JAZZERCISE GHOSTS!
SO SPOOKY
SO GROOVY

ON THE FASTRACK

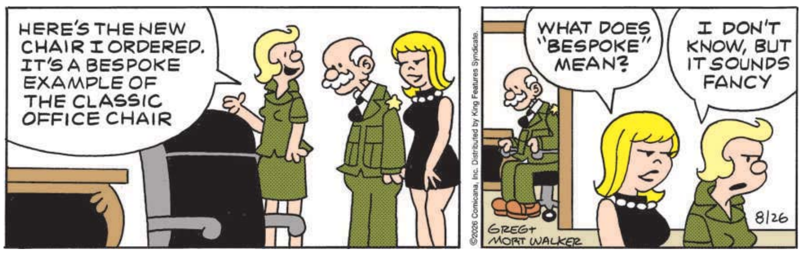
BILL HOLBROOK


I'M UPDATING MY RESUME.
WITH NEW SKILLS?
YEAH, HOW'S THIS? "ACHIEVED GOALS IN SUSTAINING EQUIPMENT BEYOND EXPECTED REPLACEMENT TIMEFRAME."
8/26
I KEPT MS. TRELLIS'S ANCIENT LAPTOP RUNNING.
...DATED FROM "THE OLDEN DAYS."

©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved comicskingdom.com/on-the-fastrack E-mail: bholbrook1@gmail.com

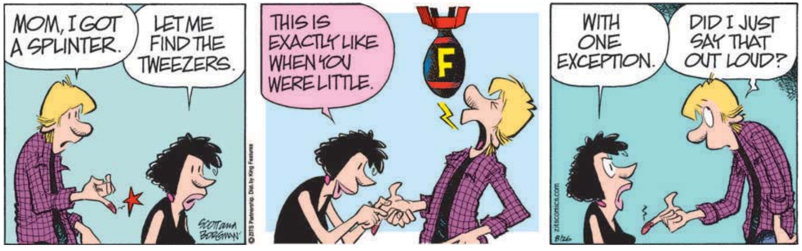
BEETLE BAILEY

GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER


HERE'S THE NEW CHAIR I ORDERED. IT'S A BESPOKE EXAMPLE OF THE CLASSIC OFFICE CHAIR
WHAT DOES "BESPOKE" MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT SOUNDS FANCY
GREG+ MORT WALKER
8/26

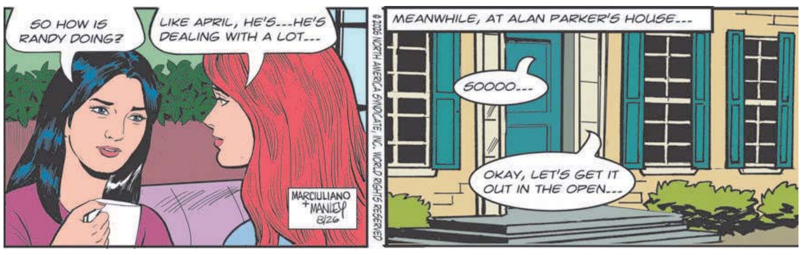
ZITS

JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN


MOM, I GOT A SPLINTER.
LET ME FIND THE TWEEZERS.
THIS IS EXACTLY LIKE WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.
F
WITH ONE EXCEPTION.
DID I JUST SAY THAT OUT LOUD?
zitscomics.com
8/26

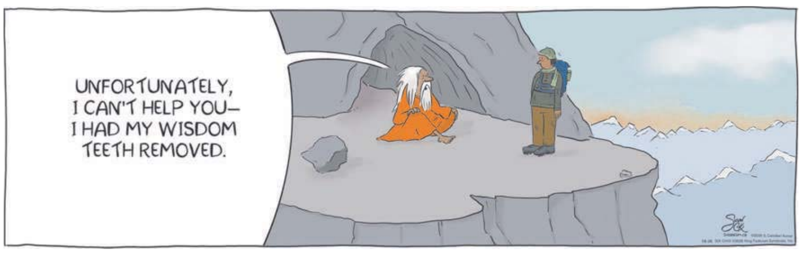
JUDGE PARKER

FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY


SO HOW IS RANDY DOING?
LIKE APRIL, HE'S...HE'S DEALING WITH A LOT...
MARCIULIANO + MANLEY 8/26
© 2026 NORTH AMERICA SYNDICATE, INC. WORLD RIGHTS RESERVED
MEANWHILE, AT ALAN PARKER'S HOUSE...
SOOOO...
OKAY, LET'S GET IT OUT IN THE OPEN...

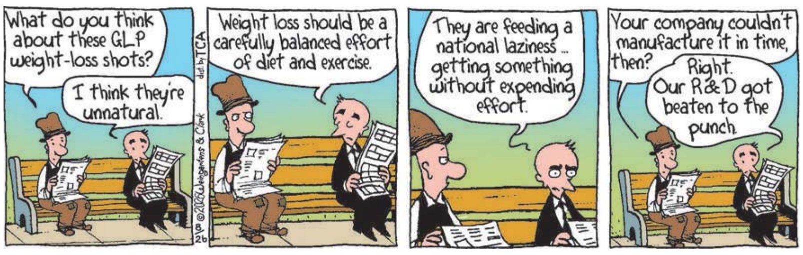
SIX CHIX

BANNERMAN, XUNISE, KONAR, LAWTON, PATRINOS & PIRO


UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T HELP YOU— I HAD MY WISDOM TEETH REMOVED.

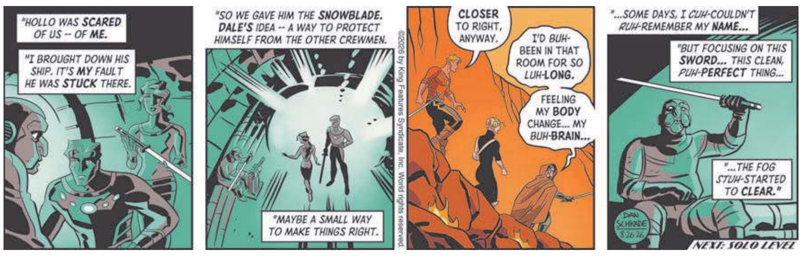
BARNEY AND CLYDE

WEINGARTENS & CLARK


What do you think about these GLP weight-loss shots?
I think they're unnatural.
Weight loss should be a carefully balanced effort of diet and exercise.
They are feeding a national laziness ... getting something without expending effort.
Your company couldn't manufacture it in time, then?
Right. Our R&D got beaten to the punch.

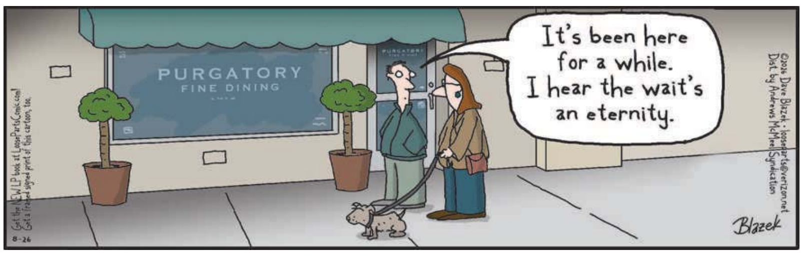
FLASH GORDON

DAN SCHKADE


"HOLLO WAS SCARED OF US -- OF ME.
"I BROUGHT DOWN HIS SHIP. IT'S MY FAULT HE WAS STUCK THERE.
"SO WE GAVE HIM THE SNOWBLADE. DALE'S IDEA -- A WAY TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM THE OTHER CREWMEN.
"MAYBE A SMALL WAY TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.
CLOSER TO RIGHT, ANYWAY.
I'D BUH-BEEN IN THAT ROOM FOR SO LUH-LONG.
FEELING MY BODY CHANGE... MY BUH-BRAIN...
"...SOME DAYS, I CUH-COULDN'T RUH-REMEMBER MY NAME...
"BUT FOCUSING ON THIS SWORD... THIS CLEAN, PUH-PERFECT THING...
"...THE FOG STUH-STARTED TO CLEAR."
DAN SCHKADE 8-26-26
NEXT: SOLO LEVEL

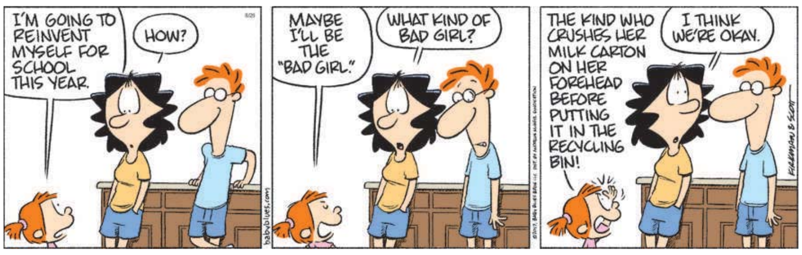
LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK


PURGATORY FINE DINING
It's been here for a while. I hear the wait's an eternity.
Blazek
8-26

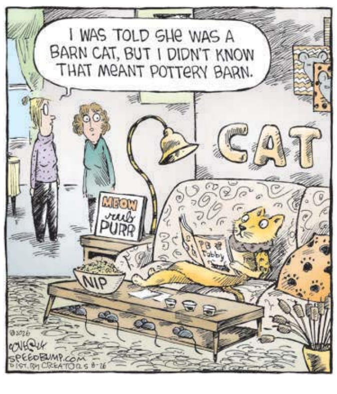
BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT


I'M GOING TO REINVENT MYSELF FOR SCHOOL THIS YEAR.
HOW?
MAYBE I'LL BE THE "BAD GIRL."
WHAT KIND OF BAD GIRL?
THE KIND WHO CRUSHES HER MILK CARTON ON HER FOREHEAD BEFORE PUTTING IT IN THE RECYCLING BIN!
I THINK WE'RE OKAY.
babyblues.com

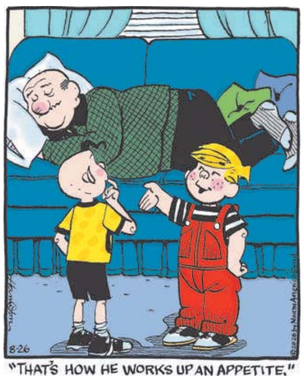
SPEED BUMP

DAVE COVERLY


I WAS TOLD SHE WAS A BARN CAT, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT MEANT POTTERY BARN.
CAT
MEOW reads PURR
NIP
SPEEDBUMP.COM

DENNIS THE MENACE

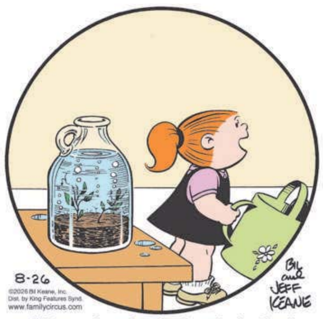
H. KETCHAM



"THAT'S HOW HE WORKS UP AN APPETITE."

FAMILY CIRCUS

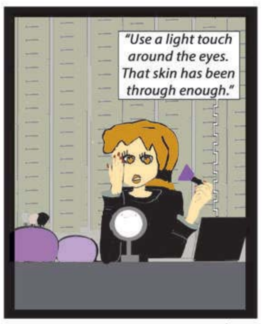
BIL KEANE


8-26
©2026 Bil Keane, Inc. Dist. by King Features Synd. www.familycircus.com
BIL and JEFF KEANE

"Your plant in the bottle looked thirsty, Mommy, so I gave it a good drink."

REPLY ALL LITE

DONNA A. LEWIS


"Use a light touch around the eyes. That skin has been through enough."

© 2026 dlewis www.replyallcomic.com
Dist. by Tribune Content Agency 8-26

TELEVISION

8/26/26	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBCNe..**	♦ News4..	♦ **Got Talent** (Live)		♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago P.D.		♦ **NEWS..**
4.2 WRC (IND)	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	George
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ **MasterChef**		♦ **Nation's Dumbest**		♦ **Fox 5 at 10**		♦ **Fox 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ Wheel	♦ Jeopardy!	♦ **Jeopardy! Masters**		♦ Shark Tank		♦ Shark Tank		♦ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ Inside	♦ **ET**	♦ **Big Brother**			♦ Survivor			♦ **9 News**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ Rosa		♦ **Tan cerca**		♦ **Guardián de mi vida**		♦ **Corazón de oro**		♦ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ Family	♦ Family	♦ **Fox 5 News**		♦ Family	♦ Family	♦ Dateline		♦ Dateline
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Milk	♦ MotorW..	♦ Nature		♦ NOVA		♦ **Resolve to Solve**		♦ **Amanp..**
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS News Hour**		♦ Nature		♦ NOVA		♦ **Resolve to Solve**		♦ **Amanp..**
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ Reel South		♦ Defenders		♦ The Games in Black and White			♦ Lines	♦ BBCNe..
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Friends	♦ Friends	♦ Freddie Mercury: The Final Act				♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Neighbor
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ BlueBlo..
A&E	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	**Booked: First Day In**		**Booked: First Day In**		BehindBa.
AMC	(5:30) Movie: Signs ★★★ (2002)		Movie: Independence Day ★★★ (1996) A select group of survivors fight against an alien invasion.						Movie: I, Robot (2...
Animal Planet	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid				Naked and Afraid		
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		**T. Perry's The Oval**		**All the Queen's Men**		**Jason Lee**
Bravo	Next Gen NYC		Next Gen NYC		**Next Gen NYC**		The Real Housewives of Orange County		Next Gen NYC
Cartoon Network	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source** (Live)		**CNN News.** (Live)		**Laura**
Comedy Central	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	SouthPark	SouthPark	SouthPark	SouthPark
Discovery	Expedition X		Expedition X		**Expedition X**		**How to Catch**		Dirtbag
Disney	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Place	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Ladybug
E!	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
ESPN	**2026 Little League Baseball World Series** Game 32: Teams TBA (Live)				**2026 US Open Tennis** Mixed Doubles Championship (Live)				**SportCtr** (Live)
ESPN2	**2026 US Open Tennis** Qualifying, Second Round (Live)				**International Dance League** Seoul Series		E60	CFB Studio	NFL Live
Food Network	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		**Guy's Grocery Games**		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery
Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News**
Freeform	(5:00) Movie: Pi...	Movie: Pitch Perfect 2 ★★ (2015) The Barden Bellas compete at the world championships.					**House of Stassi**		The 700 Club
FX	(6:00) Movie: Thor: Ragnarok ★★★ (2017)				**The Shards**		**The Shards**	(:35) Movie: Captain America: Civil War (2...	
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Love on the Menu (2019)		Movie: Love Finds You (2026) A jewelry designer discovers what she truly wants.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	(6:00) Movie: Mystery 101: Killer Timing (20...		Mystery 101				Murder, She Wrote		Murder ...
HBO	(:10) Lanterns		(:05) Lanterns		Movie: Mother Mary ★★ (2026)				(:55) Monsters
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	**Totally**	**Totally**	**Totally '90s House** (P)			**Dime**	Totally
History	Alone		Alone		**Alone**			(:35) **Pawn Stars**	
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		(:05) Rizzoli & Isles		(:05) Rizzoli
MASN	**O's Xtra**	**MLB Baseball** Baltimore Orioles at St. Louis Cardinals (Live)						**O's Xtra**	The
Monumental	WNBA Basketball				Politics	Caps	Caps Classics		
MSNBC	**The Weeknight** (Live)		**All in With Chr.** (Live)		**The Briefing** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**The 11th**
MTV	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Nat'l Geographic	(:10) Lion		(:05) Lion		**Lion**	(:55) **Lion**		(:50) Lion	
Nickelodeon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	BigBang	BigBang
NWSN	**Vargas Report**		**Cuomo**		**On Balance**		**Katie Pavlich**		**JesseWeb**
Paramount	(6:00) Movie: The Wedding Singer ★★★ (1998)			(:25) Movie: Miss Congeniality ★★ (2000) A clumsy FBI agent goes undercover at a beauty pageant.					Movie: Wedding...
Paramount+Sho	(6:10) Movie: Wild Wild West ★ (1999)		Movie: Risky Business ★★★ (1983)			(:40) Movie: Top Gun ★★★ (1986)			
Syfy	(6:30) Movie: Transformers: Age of Extinction ★★ (2014) Optimus Prime and the Autobots face fearsome challengers.						**The Ark**		Movie: Knock a...
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite**				Jokers	Jokers	Office
TCM	(6:00) Movie: Bell, Book & Candle (1958)		Movie: Vertigo ★★★★ (1958) A detective with a fear of heights falls for his quarry.				(:15) Movie: Rear Window ★★★★ (1954)		
TLC	Stories of E.R.		ER: Ca.		**ER: Ca.**		**Save My Skin**		Save-Skin
TNT	(5:30) Movie: Jurassic World ★★ (2015)		Movie: Jurassic World Dominion ★★ (2022) Dinosaurs now live and hunt alongside humans.						Movie: Furiosa: ...
Travel	Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranor..
TruTV	(6:00) Movie: Moneyball ★★★ (2011)				Dunkman		Dunkman		TBA
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford
USA Network	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		**WNBA Basketball**		
VH1	My Wife	My Wife	Movie: Baby Boy ★★★ (2001)					Movie: Taking of Pel...	
WNC8	Paid Prog.	Aetna	7News at..	Paid Prog.	Jacuzzi	**WorldNe..**	**WJLANe..**	Jacuzzi	**National**

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition
Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

5		7	9	1	4			2
	1		5	3	7			
1			4	8		2		
		2		9		1		
		8		6	2			3
			3	5	8		7	
3			2	7	9	4		8

8/26

© 2026 Andrews McMeel Syndication

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Play more games online

We have more than 100 card, puzzle and word games to challenge you.

Just scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit *wapo.st/games*

Game Break

Get our gaming newsletter with daily reminders and other insights. *wapo.st/newsletters*

PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

3	6	9	4	1	8	5	2	7
4	7	1	3	5	2	9	6	8
5	2	8	6	7	9	3	1	4
8	5	4	1	2	6	7	9	3
7	3	6	5	9	4	2	8	1
1	9	2	7	8	3	6	4	5
2	8	7	9	3	1	4	5	6
6	1	3	2	4	5	8	7	9
9	4	5	8	6	7	1	3	2

SCRABBLE GRAMS

Hasbro and its logo, SCRABBLE®, associated logo, the design of the distinctive SCRABBLE brand game board, and the distinctive letter tile designs are trademarks of Hasbro in the United States and Canada. ©2026 Hasbro. All rights reserved. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

A_1 A_1 I_1 T_1 N_1 F_4 C_3 RACK 1

O_1 O_1 O_1 F_4 F_4 K_5 C_3 Double Word Score RACK 2

A_1 I_1 U_1 T_1 N_1 D_2 B_3 RACK 3

A_1 E_1 E_1 L_1 V_4 N_1 C_3 3rd Letter Triple RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 227

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

For more information on tournaments and clubs, email NASPA - North American SCRABBLE Players Association info@scrabbleplayers.org. Visit our website - www.scrabbleplayers.org. For puzzle inquiries contact scrgrams@gmail.com

08-26

PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

C_3 O_1 N_1 V_4 E_1 R_1 T_1 RACK 1 = 68

S_1 U_1 R_1 G_2 E_1 R_1 Y_4 RACK 2 = 61

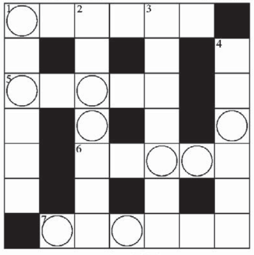
B_3 O_1 L_1 L_1 I_1 X_8 RACK 3 = 15

U_1 P_3 S_1 T_1 O_1 O_1 D_2 RACK 4 = 70

PAR SCORE 155-165 TOTAL 214

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt 8-26-26



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Charles ____	RIWDNA
5. Racket	NSIEO
6. Phrase	MIOID
7. Bureau	NCEAGY

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. European river	BNUAED
2. Pouring	NNIRAIG
3. ____ Peninsula	ENAIBIR
4. Distress	DIAMYS

CLUE: It has more active volcanoes than any other country.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Darwin 5A-Noise 6A-Idiom 7A-Agency 1D-Danube 2D-Raining 3D-Iberian 4D-Dismay B-Indonesia

©2026 Tribune Content Agency, LLC & Hoyt Designs. All Rights Reserved.

Send comments to DLHoyt@HoytInteractiveMedia.com

HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | AUGUST 26: You're independent, imaginative and innovative. You're also ambitious and filled with intellectual curiosity. This year you reap the benefits of all your hard work. Expect power, leadership and recognition. You might get a promotion. You might become self-employed. You might win kudos, awards and the spotlight. Seize business opportunities.

Moon Alert: After 5:30 p.m. EDT today, avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions for the rest of the day. The Moon is in Aquarius.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
his is an excellent day for a practical discussion with someone older or more experienced. This might happen by talking to a partner, close friend or a member of the general public. It's a positive day to schmooze. Check the Moon Alert if spending money.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. This will probably benefit those of you at work, because relations with co-workers are mutually supportive today. You also might benefit from behind-the-scenes research.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
This is the perfect day to explore avenues in publishing, the media, medicine and the law, but do so before the Moon Alert. Romance with someone different might begin. You also might welcome the advice of someone who is older or more experienced. (You don't have to reinvent the wheel.)

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
It's fortunate that you have some strong energy now with fiery Mars in your sign. In fact, it will stay there for another month! Meanwhile, discussions about shared property and banking could benefit home and family for you today. Someone has your back

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
This is a great day to schmooze with others! It's curious, because even though you will be charming and diplomatic with everyone, it's in your best interests to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Be accommodating and cooperative.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You might be interested in buying beautiful things – clothing, dishware, jewelry, artwork, whatever strikes your fancy. If so, be aware of the limitations of the Moon Alert today. Meanwhile, financial discussions will likely benefit you. Keep your pockets open!

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You'll enjoy socializing with others today. Romantic connections will be particularly appealing. If shopping for wardrobe goodies, do be aware of the limitations of today's Moon Alert. You have a soft spot in your heart for someone today.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
A practical discussion with someone older, perhaps a family member, might introduce improvements at home or within the family. You also might be prepared to confide in someone about a secret flirtation or love affair. Continue to enjoy the company of others.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Conversations with neighbors, siblings and relatives will please you today. In fact, someone older might have advice for you, especially related to a vacation, your kids, sports or the arts. Be reasonable if you face a dispute with someone about shared expenses. Meanwhile, a casual friendship might turn flirtatious.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Financial discussions will go well today if you keep an eye on the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Bosses and authority figures will favor you. As a result, you might be able to benefit home and family in a practical way. Naturally, this will please you.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You're in the driver's seat today because the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with both Saturn and Venus. It's a great day to make travel plans. An attraction to someone "different" might occur. Meanwhile, everyday discussions will be down to earth and practical.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Work going on behind the scenes will benefit you today. In fact, it could trigger money coming your way. If spending today, you'll be careful and frugal. Keep an eye on the Moon Alert and its financial restrictions. Nevertheless, this is also a fun day to socialize and explore sports events and playful activities with kids.

— Georgia Nicols

© 2026, KING FEATURES SYNDICATE, INC.

BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ A 3
♥ 10 7
♦ A J 9 8
♣ Q J 10 9 7

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 6 2
♥ J 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A K 2

EAST
♠ J 4
♥ Q 8 6 5 4 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 6 3

SOUTH (D)
♠ K 9 8 5
♥ A K 9
♦ K Q 10
♣ 8 5 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 6

"Esther was cleaning out her purse last night," Unlucky Louie told me glumly.

"Was it sort of like the Augean stables?" I asked.

"No," Louie sighed, "but the credit-card receipts made a neat stack six inches high. They amounted to a teeny-tiny book about why I'm so broke."

Between Esther's spending and his losses in the penny game, it's a wonder Louie remains afloat. When he played at today's 3NT, West led the six of spades, and Louie played low from dummy and let East's jack win.

Louie won the spade return with the ace and led the queen of clubs, but West took the king, led the queen of spades to force out Louie's king, got back in with the ace of clubs and cashed two spades.

Louie is at risk only if West has five spades, but East must have one honor: With Q-J-10-x-x, West would have led the queen. If Louie takes the ace of spades at Trick One, he blocks the suit. When West wins the first club and leads another spade, Louie ducks East's jack and is safe.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ Q 10 7 6 2 ♥ J 3
♦ 7 5 4 ♣ A K 2

Your partner opens one heart, you bid one spade and he rebids two hearts. What do you say?

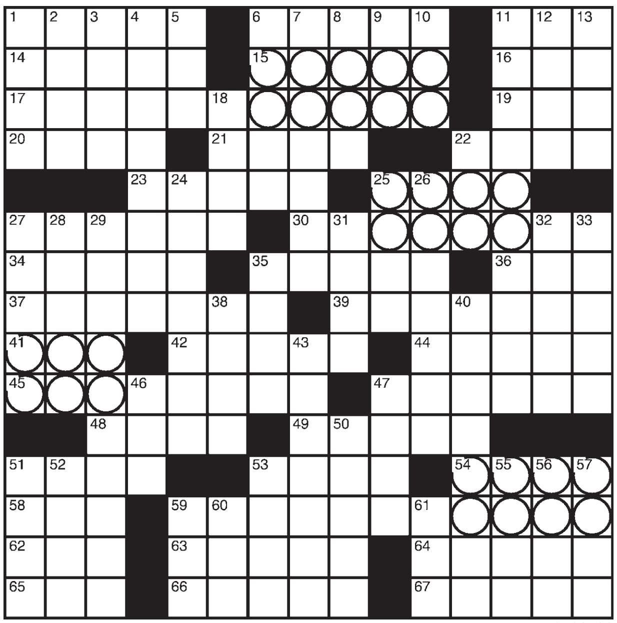
ANSWER: Partner has six or more hearts. If he held J 5, A K 10 6 5, K 10 6, Q 10 6, his second bid would have been 1NT. With J 5, A K 10 6 5, K 9, Q 10 6 5, he would have bid two clubs. With K J 5, A K 10 6 5, 3 2, Q 10 6, he would have raised to two spades. If vulnerable, you might try three hearts. If not, pass. You would raise with A 10 7 6 2, J 3, 7 5 4, A Q 2.

— Frank Stewart

©2026, TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY, LLC.

LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Zachary Gallardo



© 2026 Tribune Content Agency, LLC. 8/26/26

ACROSS

1 Emerged
6 Korean-American grocery store
11 Dim sum brew
14 Little solo break
15 Camel's watering hole
16 "That'll leave a mark!"
17 Programming problem
19 Scand. country
20 Proboscis
21 Feature of Canada's flag
22 Nove minus uno
23 Suspicious
25 Enclosed rhyme scheme in Petrarchan sonnets
27 Turkish peak
30 Clinton secretary of state
34 Olympic gymnast with five moves named for her
35 2025 Best Picture Oscar winner
36 Letters of liability?
37 Dongle, e.g.
39 Synagogue singers
41 "Exactly right!"
42 __ Sports Bureau: stats giant
44 "Punch-__ Love": Paul Thomas Anderson film
45 Bible Belt state
47 Shelters
48 Altar site
49 Change
51 Prometheus' gift
53 "See ..."
54 Yellow brick road terrier
58 Aussie hopper
59 "Everyone in the water!," or when parsed differently, what can be found in each set of circled words
62 Nocturnal bird of prey
63 __ Gras
64 Unlike the rest
65 Young lady
66 Clique
67 Vociferous

DOWN

1 "Exactly right!"
2 City north of Carson City
3 Probabilities
4 Service promoter
5 Cyclone center
6 Swindled
7 __ bear: Southeast Asian forest dweller
8 Since
9 Animated film about Spix's macaws
10 Baker's shortening?
11 Like laughter, sometimes
12 62-Across call
13 Curly hairstyle
18 Bed frame board
22 Japanese sash
24 Picks up the pace
25 Pokémon that ultimately evolves into Alakazam
26 Jason's "Beverly Hills, 90210" role
27 Modest Muslim robe
28 Bus passenger
29 Sushi bite topped with salmon
31 Hairstyle that may begin with comb coils
32 "Stormy Weather" singer Lena
33 Elephant pair
35 Operatic solo
38 If-then-__ statement
40 Leaves in the care of
43 Climbs
46 Big galoot
47 Big Island county seat
50 Throwback hit
51 Amphibious hopper
52 Corn Belt state
53 Major conflicts
55 "Didn't see you there!"
56 Knots
57 The Grand Ole __
59 Metal box?
60 Dim sum bun
61 Persona __ grata

TUESDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

P	I	T	S	■	B	I	K	E	■	B	L	A	S	T
E	P	I	C	■	O	S	H	A	■	L	E	V	E	R
P	A	N	A	M	A	H	A	T	■	M	A	O	R	I
■	D	A	R	A	■	■	K	E	A	■	S	C	U	M
■	■	■	V	I	R	G	I	N	I	A	H	A	M	S
■	O	P	E	N	E	R	■	■	D	M	E	D	■	■
A	R	E	S	■	N	E	S	T	■	O	D	O	R	S
T	E	A	■	S	E	A	H	A	W	K	■	O	U	I
M	O	C	H	A	■	T	Y	P	E	■	R	I	B	S
■	■	H	E	I	R	■	■	E	A	S	E	L	S	■
K	A	M	A	L	A	H	A	R	R	I	S	■	■	■
A	G	E	D	■	D	O	C	■	■	L	U	N	G	■
P	A	L	E	D	■	A	H	A	M	O	M	E	N	T
U	M	B	R	O	■	R	O	L	E	■	E	M	U	S
T	E	A	S	E	■	D	O	L	L	■	S	O	S	O

The Washington Post

SPORTS

U.S. OPEN

SARAH STIER/GETTY IMAGES

Carlos Alcaraz and Serena Williams, who have a combined eight U.S. Open singles championships, dropped a first-set tiebreaker before falling in the quarterfinals.

The ‘queen’ bows out

S. Williams and Alcaraz win their opener but fall in the mixed doubles quarterfinals

BY **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AND **BRIAN MAHONEY**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Serena Williams getting back on the court at the U.S. Open after a four-year absence and Carlos Alcaraz returning to competitive tennis after being out the past four months with injury brought cheers and nostalgia to the Grand Slam tournament.

The celebration was short-lived.

After winning their debut playing together, Williams and Alcaraz got knocked out in the mixed doubles quarterfinals by Belinda Bencic and Flavio Cobolli, 5-4 (7-4), 4-1, on Tuesday. Cobolli before the match called their opponents “the queen of tennis and the king of now.”

The star-studded duo with a combined eight U.S. Open singles championships certainly earned that praise. Williams and Alcaraz bounced back from a slow start in the first round to defeat Erin Routliffe and Lloyd Glasspool, 5-3, 4-1 — much to the delight of fans inside Arthur Ashe Stadium, who were clearly on their side.

“I never expected to be back on this court,” Williams said after her first match at Flushing Meadows since 2022. “I never thought this would happen.”

Now the question is whether she will seek an encore performance in women’s doubles alongside older sister Venus. They won the U.S. Open twice among their 14 Grand Slam doubles titles together.

Serena, who is back playing tennis at age 44, does not plan to play singles.

Williams, in her latest mixed doubles cameo — she won the U.S. Open with Max Mirnyi in 1998 — hit some vintage shots that looked straight out of her prime. Early on, she carried Alcaraz, the 23-year-old defending champion who is ranked third in the world in men’s singles and was clearly rusty in his first competitive action since April 14.

“I think everybody could see: I double-faulted on the first point,” said Alcaraz, who missed the French Open and Wimbledon because of a right wrist injury and

SEE **U.S. OPEN** ON **B11**

Red-hot Lile can’t spur Nats’ offense into action

ROCKIES 3,
NATIONALS 1

BY **DANIELLE ALLENTUCK**

About this time last year, Washington Nationals outfielder Daylen Lile started taking fewer pregame reps. He was just a few months into his rookie season, and he learned from teammates James Wood and CJ Abrams that sometimes less is more. He hit .391 with a 1.212 OPS in September, earning National League player of the month honors to wrap up his first major league season.

Earlier this season, Lile drifted away from that pregame approach. Now, he’s going back to what worked for him a year ago. And in doing so, he’s getting that feeling at the plate again.

He and the Nationals wish, of course, that it came earlier, when the team was playing above .500 and still dreaming of an October run. But it’s better late than never, and his confidence, he said, has never been higher. He’s 9 for 20 in his past four games.

On Tuesday, he hit a home run for the second night in a row. The rest of the offense, though, couldn’t get anything going as the Nationals fell, 3-1, to the Colorado Rockies at Nationals Park, going 0 for 6 with runners in scoring position.

“It’s hard for me to do less,” Lile said. “Because I love hitting. It’s late in the season, so I’m just trying to do the things that are

SEE **NATIONALS** ON **B11**

Rockies at Nationals
6:45 p.m., Nationals.TV

GEOFF BURKE/IMAGN IMAGES

Daylen Lile homered for the second straight game Tuesday and is hitting .450 over his past four games.

Top two college leagues ban pros

Big Ten targets football while SEC goes wider; legal challenges expected

BY **EDDIE PELLS**
AND **ERIC OLSON**
Associated Press

The SEC passed a rule Tuesday banning players who have been drafted by NFL, NBA or WNBA teams or listed on rosters in those leagues from joining the Big Ten in taking a strong stand against an unexpected surge of professional players trying to return to college with the NCAA mired in a sprawling legal fight over eligibility.

The SEC’s rule goes beyond the one adopted earlier in the day by the Big Ten, which included only football in its decision and is expected address other sports later.

The news was the latest in a head-spinning week of court rulings, emergency rulemaking sessions and player signings, all of which point to a college sports landscape in disarray. The moves by the nation’s two biggest conferences, four days before the start of football season, are intended to tamp down the latest crisis — one involving players who came back to college after being released from pro rosters.

“I feel like I took a freaking gummy,” said Sean McVay, the coach of the NFL’s Los Angeles Rams, when asked about the prospect of a player he released returning to college. “I don’t even understand it.”

The rules — which seem likely to be challenged in court — came after a series of losses for the NCAA in state courts around the country, where judges are granting players who graduated high school in 2022 a fifth year of eligibility. In June, the NCAA passed a rule giving most players five years

SEE **SEC** ON **B12**

Position battles are going down to the wire

With starting spots set, backup roles remain in play for Commanders

BY **TASHAN REED**

The Washington Commanders’ roster is largely set. There aren’t any starting jobs up for grabs, and even most of the backup spots are taken.

There are a few areas, however, that remain in question. The Commanders have until 4 p.m. Sunday to make those decisions and trim the roster to 53 players.

General Manager Adam Peters and Coach Dan Quinn have a couple opportunities to help draw conclusions: a joint practice with the Ravens on Wednesday in Baltimore, followed by those teams’ meeting to conclude the preseason Friday at M&T Bank Stadium.

Here are five roster battles to watch during the final week of training camp:

Backup center

Julian Good-Jones had this role locked down for most of training camp, but his play has declined sharply. In response, rookie Matt Gulbin will receive more snaps in practice and the game this week.

Starter Nick Allegretti remains sidelined with a calf strain. Given the unclear timeline for his return, the winner of this battle could be

SEE **COMMANDERS** ON **B9**

Commanders at Ravens
Friday, 6 p.m.
WUSA (Ch. 9), WJLA (Ch. 7)

THE DAY IN SPORTS

PRO BASKETBALL

Kanter Freedom gets ban from Sky's arena

The Chicago Sky banned **Enes Kanter Freedom** from its home games after the former NBA center was ejected from Sunday's loss to the Indiana Fever.

Owner **Michael Alter** made the announcement in a rare news conference Tuesday. Alter told reporters that Kanter Freedom is not allowed inside Wintrust Arena for WNBA games "unless sometime in the future, he's able to prove to us that he's able to abide by our rules without being a potential threat."

The 6-foot-10, 250-pound Kanter Freedom was removed from Sunday's game after he was confronted by Sky guard **Natasha Cloud** late in the third quarter.

Kanter Freedom was sitting along the baseline wearing a black shirt that read "WOMAN noun. adult human female."

The Fever called for a timeout after Cloud scored inside with 1:22 left in the third. Cloud then did a chest bump with teammate **Aicha Coulibaly** before turning around and walking in Kanter Freedom's direction.

Cloud, 34, started yelling and pointing at Kanter Freedom, 34, as she approached him. A standing Kanter Freedom held his arms out and stepped onto the court as security and a handful of Sky players moved in between the two.

"It was pretty clear to us that his purpose of coming here was trying to be provocative and see how much attention he could get," Alter told reporters from the Chicago Sun-Times and other media outlets.

Kanter Freedom stopped near the basket to plead his case to security as he was escorted from the court area. He spun around while holding his shirt out and encouraged the crowd to respond as he walked toward the front lobby.

He had a conversation with a group of police officers before departing the arena.

"I just got kicked out of a @WNBA game for supporting WOMEN!" Kanter Freedom wrote on social media. "Let that sink in, AMERICA!"

Kanter Freedom and **Royce White**, another former NBA player, have declared for the WNBA draft, saying they identify as women. But a person familiar with the decision told the AP on Monday that they are not eligible. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the situation.

The WNBA has been the subject of recent debates on whether transgender women — women assigned male at birth who transition to align with their gender identity — should be allowed to participate in the league. There has never been such a player in the WNBA.

Although the league's collective bargaining agreement says the WNBA is restricted to women, it contains no more specific language about gender identity or sex assigned at birth. …

The Golden State Warriors are signing free agent guard **Brandon Williams** to a one-year, $2.6 million contract, his agent told multiple media outlets.

Williams is the Warriors' first signing of a player outside the organization this NBA offseason. The 26-year-old played in 66 games (15 starts) for the Dallas Mavericks last season and averaged 13.0 points, 3.9 assists and 2.9 rebounds.

Golden State also signed forward **Georges Niang** — who was sidelined last season while recovering from a left foot injury — to a league minimum contract.

SPOTLIGHT: WNBA

SIPHIWE SIBEKO/REUTERS

Paige Bueckers and the Wings pulled away after halftime to secure a winning record and their first playoff berth since 2023.

With a Dallas rout, the playoff field is set

Reuters

WINGS 96, FIRE 78

Upstart Portland falls short in its inaugural season

Paige Bueckers poured in 22 points and dished 11 assists to lead the Dallas Wings to a wire-to-wire, 96-78 win over the Portland Fire on Tuesday night in Arlington, Texas, to clinch the WNBA's eighth and final playoff spot.

Dallas (23-16) earned its third straight victory to clinch a winning record and will be in the postseason for the first time since 2023. The Wings broke their record for most wins in a campaign since the franchise moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex from Tulsa before the 2016 campaign.

Portland (15-23) will finish below .500 and was officially eliminated from postseason contention in its first season.

Dallas was up by 13 points at halftime but blew the game open in the third quarter, when it built its lead to as many as 24 points before settling for a 71-52 edge heading to the final quarter. The Fire never made a serious run in the fourth period and dropped its third consecutive game.

Jessica Shepard added 21 points, nine boards and six assists in the win. Arike Ogunbowale scored 17, and Awak Kuier racked up 12 points and 12 rebounds to record her second double-double of the year. Alanna Smith finished with 10 points for Dallas.

Portland had six players score in double figures: Bridget Carleton and Karlie Samuelson with 14 points apiece, Megan DiLeo with 13, Carla Leite and Frieda Buhner each with 10 and Emily Engstler with 12 points and a career-best 15 rebounds.

The Wings built a 21-10 lead after Kuier's layup at the 2:15 mark of the first quarter. Dallas got a pair of free throws by Bueckers with 0.3 seconds left and held a 27-18 advantage after 10 minutes of play.

Portland clawed back within four points early in the second quarter on three free throws by Samuelson and a layup by Carleton. But Shepard had eight points in the second quarter alone and helped build Dallas's margin to 41-30 with 3:25 left in the half.

Kuier's three-pointer with 1:59 to play in the half made it a 13-point game, and Dallas carried a 50-37 lead into the break.

The Wings lit their afterburners in the middle of the third quarter, scoring 13 straight points to turn a 52-41 lead into a rout. Dallas outshot Portland 55.1 percent to 37.5 percent for the game.

— Field Level Media

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

1 p.m.	**Tampa Bay at Detroit** » MLB Network
6:45 p.m.	**Colorado at Washington** » Nationals.TV, WJFK (106.7 FM)
7:15 p.m.	**Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta** » MLB Network
7:45 p.m.	**Baltimore at St. Louis** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)

WNBA

10 p.m.	**Toronto at Seattle** » USA Network

SOCCER

8 p.m.	**NWSL: Angel City at North Carolina** » CBS Sports Network
8:30 p.m.	**Concacaf Leagues Cup, quarterfinal: Austin vs. Toluca** » Fox Sports 1
8:30 p.m.	**Copa Sudamericana round of 16, second leg: Santa Fe at River Plate** » BeIN Sports
10:45 p.m.	**Concacaf Leagues Cup, quarterfinal: Columbus vs. América** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

11 a.m.	**U.S. Open, qualifying** » ESPN2
1 p.m.	**U.S. Open, qualifying; ATP: Winston-Salem Open, early rounds; WTA: Monterrey Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
7 p.m.	**U.S. Open, mixed doubles semifinals** » ESPN2
9 p.m.	**U.S. Open, mixed doubles final** » ESPN

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

1 p.m.	**Nicaragua vs. Curaçao** » ESPN
3 p.m.	**Nevada vs. Iowa** » ESPN
5 p.m.	**Japan vs. Canada** » ESPN
7 p.m.	**Ohio vs. Alabama** » ESPN

SOCCER

Bodo/Glimt will return to Champions League

The Champions League's feel-good story Bodo/Glimt is back for a second season, joined by two debutants: Sabah of Azerbaijan, just nine years after being formed, and — remarkably — LASK of Austria.

Bodo/Glimt eased through the second leg of its qualifying playoff against NEC Nijmegen, and Sabah denied Hapoel Beer-Sheva in extra time after a last-gasp goal in regulation time to level the aggregate score.

LASK seemed all but out after a half-hour at home in Linz, trailing 4-0 on aggregate. Still, the club had already rained scoring chances on Celtic's goal even before falling further behind, and it had cut the aggregate deficit to 4-3 when the clock passed 90 minutes.

Then **Florian Flecker**'s close-range header forced extra time, during which the Scottish champion continued to implode.

A fifth unanswered goal for LASK came in the 109th by **Samuel Adeniran**, who then had a penalty saved as the score stayed 5-1 on the night and 5-4 on aggregate. Celtic drops into the second-tier Europa League.

Dutch newcomer NEC lost, 3-0, as the latest visitor to the Arctic Circle suffering on the artificial turf inside Glimt's tiny Aspmyra Stadium. The aggregate score was 6-1.

Any hope of a comeback effectively ended after three minutes when NEC goalkeeper **Gonzalo Crettaz** handled the ball outside his penalty area and was sent off.

Sabah was created in 2017 and exactly nine years later will debut in the Champions League's main competition after a dramatic qualifying win, beating the Israeli champion, 5-2 in the second leg in Baku and 6-4 on aggregate.

Four more playoff second-leg games Wednesday will confirm the final entries in the 36-team main phase. The draw for those games is Thursday. …

Tottenham took its summer spending to more than $400 million by signing Brazil winger **Savinho** from Manchester City in a deal worth 85 million pounds ($115 million).

The summer refresh under **Roberto De Zerbi** — setting out on his first full season in charge of Tottenham — now includes the 22-year-old Savinho, who joined City in 2024 for 40 million euros ($43.6 million) from sister club Troyes but hasn't lived up to expectations. …

Chelsea and Strasbourg — two clubs in the same ownership group — struck another deal for a player, with 20-year-old midfielder **Omari Kellyman** moving to the French team on a permanent deal.

Strasbourg was bought by BlueCo in 2023, a year after the American consortium paid 2.5 billion pounds ($3.2 billion) to take control of Chelsea. According to the Athletic, 14 players have moved between the club under BlueCo. …

Manchester United confirmed the signing of 22-year-old midfielder **Carlos Baleba** from Brighton for a reported 70 million pounds ($95 million). …

Bruno Fernandes was voted as the men's player of the year in English soccer for last season at the Professional Footballers' Association awards, while **Khadija "Bunny" Shaw** got the women's accolade. …

French forward **Christopher Nkunku** returned on a loan deal to Leipzig, where he had the most prolific seasons of his career. …

Austin FC announced **Khaled El-Ahmad** as sporting director and chief soccer officer as the MLS club continues a major rebuild amid what looks to be another lost season. …

The Seattle Sounders acquired forward **Dejan Joveljic** as a designated player from Sporting Kansas City in exchange for $6 million, then promptly signed him to a four-year contract. …

The Houston Dash announced a new contract with veteran midfielder **Danny Colaprico** through the 2027 NWSL season. …

Graham Arnold extended his contract as Iraq head coach through the 2027 Asian Cup, months after guiding the national team at its first World Cup in 40 years.

COLLEGES

Vols' White unsatisfied after Carter's ban is cut

The NCAA agreed to reduce Tennessee linebacker **Arion Carter**'s suspension from two games to one over a $427 flight to an NFL training facility during the predraft process, Volunteers Athletic Director **Danny White** said.

White wrote on social media that while he strongly agrees with Coach **Josh Heupel** that the suspension was ridiculous, a one-game ban for the season opener Sept. 5 against Furman is better than two games — but no suspension would be better in the current environment.

Carter signed with an agent and accepted a flight worth $427.28 while figuring out his draft status. He ultimately withdrew from the draft and returned to Tennessee because of a medical procedure for a foot injury. …

Vanderbilt elected against starting five-star freshman quarterback **Jared Curtis** in Week 1, instead choosing veteran **Blake Berkowitz** as its starter, according to multiple reports.

Berkowitz, who is in his third season with the Commodores after starting his career at New Mexico State, will make his first career start Sept. 5 against Austin Peay. Curtis also is expected to play against the Governors, per an ESPN report, indicating the quarterback battle may not be entirely decided.

Berkowitz, entering his final season of eligibility, backed up Heisman finalist **Diego Pavia** last season. …

Duke is turning to San José State graduate transfer **Walker Eget** as its starting quarterback.

The Blue Devils said Eget had won the starting job less than two weeks before the Sept. 5 opener against Tulane. He won a position battle that had redshirt freshman **Dan Mahan** mentioned as a top contender going into preseason camp.

Eget had spent five seasons and made 18 starts at San José State. …

Ukrainian center **Kate Koval** is leaving LSU women's basketball less than two weeks after a Russian player joined the team.

Tigers Coach **Kim Mulkey** said the 6-foot-5 Koval was leaving for "personal reasons," adding that the program will "respect her privacy on her decision."

Koval began her college career at Notre Dame and transferred to LSU last season, averaging 8.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

LSU recently signed **Anna Minaeva**, a 6-5 post player who previously played professionally with MBA Moscow.

GOLF

Two-week match play will decide tour champ

The PGA Tour is reshaping its postseason for 2028 by ending the year with a Tour Championship played over two weeks at different golf courses involving match play.

PGA Tour CEO **Brian Rolapp** announced the changes before the Tour Championship, which has been 72 holes of stroke play for the top 30 players since it began in 1987. Under the current format, whoever wins the tournament is declared the FedEx Cup champion and earns $10 million in official money from the $40 million purse.

Starting in 2028, the BMW Championship — to be held that year at Olympia Fields near Chicago — will be for the leading 90 players on the points list. Points from the season continue, and the No. 1 player will be the season champion with bonus money paid out accordingly.

The top 32 after the BMW Championship will be broken into eight groups of four-player pools for the first week of the Tour Championship. The leading two players from each pool advance to the final week, which will be match play over four days. Even players eliminated early will play through Sunday to determine final positions.

Key details, such as where the final two weeks will be played and how much money will be at stake, have not been announced. …

LeBron James's growing passion for golf now includes a partnership with the PGA Tour that will bring a two-day tournament to Firestone Country Club in his hometown of Akron, Ohio, next summer to connect youth with aspiring professionals.

The LeBron James Family Foundation Invitational will be played July 6-7 on the South course at Firestone, where the PGA Tour recently ended a 72-year run.

CYCLING

Pogacar storms in front on Vuelta's fourth stage

Tadej Pogacar took a big step toward winning the Spanish Vuelta for the first time by claiming the fourth stage in dominant fashion.

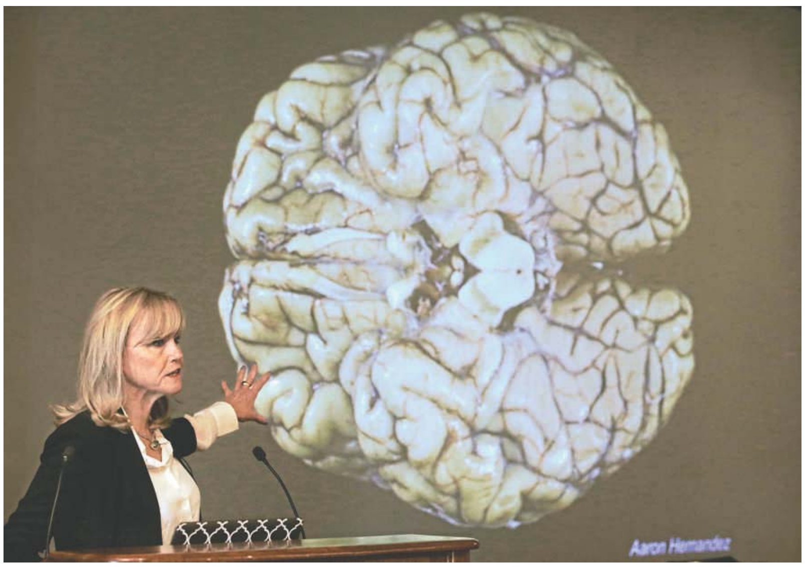
The defending Tour de France champion, seeking a sweep of Grand Tour titles, completed his longest solo run in Grand Tours and finished the tough mountain stage in Andorra 2 minutes 39 seconds ahead of the chasers.

Pogacar opened an overall lead of 3:21 over **Primoz Roglic**, with **Enric Mas** another 11 seconds behind in the general classification.

— From news services

Nearly 1 in 4 ex-players had CTE, research finds

BY **RICK MAESE**



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Ann McKee, director of Boston University's CTE Center, co-authored the CTE study published Tuesday.

At least 1 in 4 former NFL players who died in recent years had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the degenerative brain disease linked to repeated head impacts, according to the largest-ever study to estimate the disease's prevalence among deceased professional football players.

The 25 percent figure represents a conservative floor, researchers said, and the true prevalence of CTE at death was probably higher. Because the disease can be diagnosed only after death, the research did not reveal how common the disease is among active players or living retirees.

The study, published Tuesday in the British Medical Journal, tracked 878 former players who appeared in at least one NFL game, debuted after 1949 and died between 2016 and 2021. Researchers examined the brains of 235 of them, and 215 — more than 91 percent of the donors — had CTE.

Because players and families concerned about brain disease are more likely to donate a brain for research, the researchers did not treat that 91 percent figure as representative of all former players. Instead, they established a range.

For the most conservative estimate, they assumed none of the 643 players whose brains were not examined had CTE. Even then, 24.5 percent of the entire group — nearly 1 in 4 — had the disease. If every unexamined player had CTE, the prevalence would have been 97.7 percent, a mathematical ceiling rather than a likely estimate.

"The true number is somewhere in that range," said Daniel Daneshvar, the study's lead author and chief of brain injury rehabilitation at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, said in an interview.

Daneshvar, who is also an associate professor at Harvard Medical School, said the lower estimate eliminates the usual brain-bank selection bias by making the most conservative possible assumption: that researchers identified every CTE case and that every player whose brain was not examined did not have the disease.

Still, Daneshvar cautioned against applying that number to living players.

"This isn't looking at active players," he said. "This is people at the end of their lives. And so we can't directly extrapolate from this to living current players or even living retired players."

CTE is associated with exposure to repeated head impacts and marked by an abnormal buildup of tau protein around small blood vessels deep in the folds of the brain.

Rachel Grashow, a neuroepidemiologist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health who was not involved in the research, said the study's important contribution was its attempt to estimate the prevalence of CTE pathology rather than simply reporting the percentage found in a brain bank.

But Grashow, who studies football player health, cautioned against assuming that everyone with CTE pathology necessarily experienced the psychiatric, behavioral or cognitive symptoms commonly associated with the disease.

"What this paper doesn't show — this thing that we're waiting for — is a really strong connection between the symptoms that people are attributing to CTE and this neuropathologic postmortem diagnosis," she said.

The association between the most advanced CTE and dementia is important, Grashow said, but the study still cannot predict the health or future of an individual living player. Her research on living former football players is funded in part by the NFL Players Association, which she said has no authority over the research or its publication. She does not receive NFL funding.

Most of the players in the latest study who had CTE had an advanced form of the disease. About 70 percent were diagnosed with Stage 3 or Stage 4 CTE, the two most severe of its four stages, Daneshvar said. The average age at death among the brain donors was about 66.

More than 60 percent of the players with CTE were determined to have had dementia, based on family interviews and medical records. Among the 104 players with Stage 4 CTE, more than 90 percent had dementia. After adjusting for age and other factors, researchers found that Stage 4 CTE was associated with a 44 percent higher prevalence of dementia.

The study was conducted by researchers from Mass General Brigham, Boston University and other institutions. Ann McKee, director of Boston University's CTE Center, was a co-author. Most of the examined brains came through Boston University's UNITE Brain Bank, with additional cases from Mount Sinai and the University of California at San Francisco.

The study's authors acknowledged several limitations. Brain donors tended to have played longer, achieved greater prominence in the sport and died younger than the other former players. Their families also were more likely to have observed cognitive, behavioral or mood symptoms. Clinical histories were reconstructed after death through family interviews and medical records, making them susceptible to imperfect recall.

The study also largely reflects players from earlier eras of professional football. It cannot determine whether more recent changes in equipment, practice rules, tackling instruction and concussion management have altered the risk faced by players today.

In a statement, an NFL spokesperson said the league "continuously strives to make the game of football safer, including by implementing strategies to reduce concussions and head impacts."

"The NFL remains committed to ensuring that the NFL community has access to a robust — and expanding — set of resources to enhance their physical and mental well-being," the spokesperson said. "We encourage former players to utilize these resources to identify and seek treatment when they are concerned about their health."

Researchers say the studies add to evidence that football's neurological risks are not limited to diagnosed concussions. CTE has been linked more closely to cumulative exposure to repeated head impacts, including hits that do not produce immediate concussion symptoms.

The former NFL players did not accumulate all of that exposure in professional football, Daneshvar said.

"They got it at the collegiate level, in many cases the high school level, and oftentimes the youth level as well," he said. "And all of those cumulative hits, the cumulative force associated with those hits, added up to increase the individual's risk for developing the disease process later."

Commanders' hopefuls get final shots to impress

COMMANDERS FROM **B7**

DANIEL KUCIN JR./AP

Julian Good-Jones, above, had the Commanders' backup spot at center locked down for most of camp, but a recent decline in play has opened the door for rookie Matt Gulbin.

the starting center in Week 1.

"With both of them, I feel good [about their] knowledge of the system," Quinn said Monday. "Julian's somebody that's been here to work and put in, so I felt his strength there. I want to see really good protection in the middle of the line, especially blitz stunts, and we'll get a good look at that.

"Our defense does it. Baltimore does it. So, between Wednesday and Friday, those are two more nice chances to get some good looks. [The] good news for us [is] both of them are heady, smart players."

Final wide receiver spots

Five wide receivers should be considered locks to make the roster: Terry McLaurin, Stefon Diggs, Luke McCaffrey, Antonio Williams and Jaylin Lane. The rest of the group is where it gets interesting.

Treylon Burks and Dyami Brown have frequently gotten reps with the first-team offense while jockeying for positioning on the depth chart. Additionally, rookie Jaden Bradley has impressed with his contested catch ability and special teams play.

Who makes the cut will depend on how many wide receivers the Commanders keep. They will roster at least five and could carry as many as seven.

Third-string quarterback

Rookie Athan Kaliakmanis has been pulling ahead of Sam Hartman recently, but it's not a done deal. They have been rotating in the preseason thus far, and that will continue against the Ravens. Their performances could decide the outcome here.

Backup quarterback Marcus Mariota is out because of an MCL sprain. The team hopes he will be ready by Week 1, but that's not a guarantee. If he's not, the Commanders will have to keep a third quarterback

Defensive tackle depth

Defensive tackles Javon Kinlaw, Daron Payne and Tim Settle are locks. Jer'Zhan Newton is out for the foreseeable future after undergoing surgery for a torn pectoral last week.

Newton will probably be placed on injured reserve with a designation to return on roster cut day, which would free up a spot. Shy Tuttle, Ricky Barber, Maurice Hurst II and Byron Cowart are in the mix to make the roster.

Linebacker special teams ace

The Commanders' top four linebackers are set: Sonny Styles, Frankie Luvu, Leo Chenal and Jordan Magee. Magee is nursing a shoulder injury but is expected to be back by the start of the regular season.

Even with him in tow, however, it could make sense for Washington to keep a fifth linebacker for special teams purposes. That appears to be a two-man race between Kain Medrano and Ale Kaho.

"I'm not going to say they're interchangeable, but on special teams, they kind of play some of the same spots," Quinn said. "Defensively, we lean more to Kain guarding tight ends, using some of that length, but I'm pleased with both of them."

Roster notes

The Commanders released safety Will Harris on Tuesday. He entered last season as a starter but missed a significant chunk of the year because of injury and never quite looked the same. In training camp, he fell out of the safety rotation behind Jeremy Reaves, Nick Cross and Quan Martin. Washington also released safety Malik Spencer.

In corresponding moves, the Commanders signed safeties Joshua Bledsoe and Quindell Johnson to compete with Tyler Owens and Percy Butler for roster spots. The team also signed left tackle D.J. Humphries to provide depth behind Brandon Coleman.

Additionally, Washington placed outside linebacker Drake Jackson on season-ending injured reserve with an undisclosed issue and signed Boogie Basham at the position. Basham hasn't played much the past couple of seasons and is unlikely to make the roster, but he provides some practice depth with Odafe Oweh and K'Lavon Chaisson nursing injuries.

Settle (calf), running back Rachaad White (hamstring) and defensive end Dorance Armstrong (knee) returned to practice Monday. They sat out Saturday's game against the Detroit Lions.

Mariota (MCL); running backs Jacory Croskey-Merritt (lower body) and Jeremy McNichols (quad); tight end Ben Sinnott (oblique); left tackles Laremy Tunsil (triceps) and Brandon Coleman (undisclosed); Allegretti (calf); defensive ends Jackson (undisclosed) and Deatrich Wise Jr. (quad); Payne (undisclosed) and Newton (pectoral); linebackers Oweh (calf), Chaisson (knee) and Magee (shoulder); and cornerback Trey Amos (ankle) missed practice Monday and Tuesday.

NOTES

Minnesota WR Jones is banned for 3 games

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Jeshaun Jones was issued a three-game suspension by the NFL for violating the league's substances of abuse policy.

The NFL's announcement of the punishment Tuesday did not disclose the nature of the violation. Jones spent each of the past two years on Minnesota's practice squad, before being promoted to the active roster and appearing in the final game of the 2025 season. He went undrafted out of Maryland, where he had 2,040 yards on 151 receptions with 14 touchdowns over a six-year career.

Jones remains eligible to participate in what remains of the preseason, including the final exhibition game at the Denver Broncos on Friday. His suspension will begin Sunday, and he will be eligible for reinstatement Sept. 28.

• **PATRIOTS:** Christian Gonzalez is back practicing with New England.

But the cornerback remains without the long-term contract extension he has been seeking throughout the offseason with the regular season two weeks away.

Gonzalez returned to practice Monday after being sidelined since Aug. 10 with a minor injury, according to Coach Mike Vrabel. He was back in uniform for the Patriots' last workout before heading to Cleveland to prepare for the team's final preseason game Thursday night.

• **BENGALS:** Cincinnati wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase left practice early after suffering what he called a "hyperextension" of his left knee, but he also said he was not concerned about the injury.

Chase was hurt as he fell to the turf while trying to catch a deep pass from quarterback Joe Burrow. He stayed on the ground for a few seconds before trainers came out to examine him. He left the field but stayed on the sideline for the remainder of practice, The Athletic reported.

He told Cincinnati radio station WCKY after practice that he wanted to keep going but the Bengals "pulled" him. He said he could play if the team had a game Wednesday.

• **GIANTS:** New York wide receiver Calvin Austin was carted off the field during a training camp practice after appearing to injure his right knee.

"I think naturally you always think the worst when something like that happens, but we don't know," offensive coordinator Matt Nagy told reporters in attendance. "I'll just say this about Calvin Austin: What an unbelievable kid, what a great person and a great talent."

• **SEAHAWKS:** Seattle placed safety Bud Clark and offensive lineman Mason Richman on injured reserve because of injuries they suffered in a preseason loss at the Tennessee Titans.

Clark, a second-round draft pick this year out of TCU, broke his ankle on Seattle's first defensive play Sunday and was carted off the field with his leg in an air cast.

Richman injured his right leg on Seattle's opening drive in Nashville. Following the game, Coach Mike Macdonald called it a "major injury, a long-term injury" without revealing details.

• **JETS:** New York waived kicker Cade York, who was in a tightly contested competition with Jason Sanders, before the team's final practice of training camp.

York was signed in March as a potential replacement for Nick Folk, who joined Atlanta in free agency after tying for the NFL lead with a 96.6 percent field goal rate.

• **CARDINALS:** Arizona agreed to terms with center Hjalte Froholdt on a two-year, $20 million contract extension, NFL Network reported.

The deal will keep Froholdt, who turned 30 last week, on the roster through the 2028 season.

• **JAGUARS:** Wide receiver Brian Thomas Jr. appeared to injure his shoulder and was held out of the remainder of Jacksonville's joint practice with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I think he's all right, just fell on his shoulder," Jaguars Coach Liam Coen said. "Holding him out was smart. Get him ready for [Week 1]."

• **SAINTS:** New Orleans placed running back Ty Chandler and tight end Moliki Matavao on season-ending injured reserve with knee injuries.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	77	55	.583	—	4-6	W-2
x-Philadelphia	73	59	.553	4	9-1	L-1
Miami	67	66	.504	10½	5-5	L-2
Washington	62	72	.463	16	2-8	L-1
New York	60	72	.455	17	7-3	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	81	51	.614	—	6-4	L-2
x-Chicago	76	56	.576	5	5-5	W-2
St. Louis	66	67	.496	15½	4-6	L-4
x-Pittsburgh	64	69	.481	17½	5-5	W-1
x-Cincinnati	62	70	.470	19	3-7	L-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	80	52	.606	—	7-3	L-1
x-San Diego	71	61	.538	9	6-4	L-1
x-Arizona	69	63	.523	11	5-5	L-1
x-San Francisco	53	78	.405	26½	3-7	W-1
Colorado	51	81	.386	29	2-8	W-1

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	78	54	.591	—	4-6	L-1
New York	74	57	.565	3½	6-4	L-1
Boston	73	59	.553	5	8-2	W-5
Baltimore	64	68	.485	14	5-5	W-1
Toronto	64	69	.481	14½	5-5	L-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Chicago	68	63	.519	—	5-5	L-1
x-Cleveland	66	66	.500	2½	7-3	W-5
x-Minnesota	64	68	.485	4½	4-6	W-1
Detroit	62	70	.470	6½	2-8	W-1
Kansas City	59	74	.444	10	9-1	W-9

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	66	66	.500	—	4-6	W-1
x-Texas	66	66	.500	—	6-4	W-2
x-Seattle	63	69	.477	3	6-4	W-1
x-Los Angeles	52	80	.394	14	4-6	L-2
x-Athletics	51	81	.386	15	3-7	L-1

x-Late game

Rockies 3, Nationals 1

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCarthy lf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.292
Carrigg cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.268
Goodman c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.251
Rumfield 1b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.286
Castro 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.264
Norby 2b	3	0	1	1	1	1	.218
Tovar ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Moniak dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Beck rf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.203
Ritter ss-2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.143
TOTALS	33	3	7	2	4	11	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.276
Ortiz 1b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.221
Chaparro ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Crews rf-cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.213
Lile lf-rf	3	1	2	1	1	1	.249
House 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Vivas 2b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.237
Ford c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.190
Nuñez ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.217
Ruiz ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.279
Young cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.248
Tena ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.233
TOTALS	31	1	5	1	4	10	—

COLORADO....... 000 210 000 — 3 7 0
WASHINGTON . 000 100 000 — 1 5 0

LOB: Colorado 7, Washington 7. **2B:** Norby (17), Castro (20), Young (18). **HR:** Goodman (35), off Alvarez; Lile (17), off Adams. **RBI:** Goodman (70), Norby (20), Lile (72). **SB:** Young (15). **CS:** Lile (6).

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Adams	4	3	1	1	3	5	75	2.25
Manfredi	1	1	0	0	0	2	18	2.25
Herget	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	5.67
Hill	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	4.55
Bernardino	1	1	0	0	0	2	13	2.72
Romano	1	0	0	0	1	0	13	4.94

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Alvarez	4⅔	5	3	3	2	6	81	3.72
Lord	2⅓	0	0	0	1	2	44	3.74
Kranick	1	1	0	0	1	2	24	6.14
Bird	1	1	0	0	0	1	18	5.35

WP: Manfredi (1-0); **LP:** Alvarez (2-6); **S:** Romano (13). **Inherited runners-scored:** Manfredi 1-0, Herget 1-0, Lord 1-0. **WP:** Alvarez. ABS Challenge_Castro (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:48. **A:** 13,876 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

ROCKIES FOURTH
Hunter Goodman homers. TJ Rumfield walks. Willi Castro hits into a force out, TJ Rumfield out at second. **Connor Norby doubles, tagged out at third, Willi Castro scores.** Mickey Moniak grounds out.
Rockies 2, Nationals 0
NATIONALS FOURTH
Daylen Lile homers. Brady House called out on strikes. Jorbit Vivas walks. Harry Ford strikes out swinging. Nasim Nunez strikes out swinging.
Rockies 2, Nationals 1
ROCKIES FIFTH
Jordan Beck singles. Ryan Ritter strikes out swinging. Jake McCarthy singles, Jordan Beck to second. **Cole Carrigg strikes out swinging, Jake McCarthy to third, Jordan Beck scores.** Hunter Goodman strikes out swinging.
Rockies 3, Nationals 1

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Wednesday's game.

BATTERS	AVG	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Wiemer	.286	3	12	12	29	1
García	.282	23	76	16	61	4
Ruiz	.279	8	43	16	33	2
Abrams	.276	29	92	47	127	26
Wood	.265	30	73	90	153	17
Mead	.254	17	48	39	62	6
Pinckney	.250	1	2	1	6	1
Lile	.249	17	72	31	106	13
Young	.248	10	43	27	68	15
Vivas	.237	3	24	31	40	1
Chaparro	.236	8	32	18	34	0
Tena	.233	7	22	24	81	4
House	.232	9	31	19	76	2
Ortiz	.221	5	10	4	17	0
Nuñez	.217	1	34	45	90	42
Crews	.213	10	30	24	78	8
Ford	.190	2	7	9	19	1
Millas	.185	2	11	14	37	0

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO
Dion	1	0	0.00	12	0	4	13
Tolman	0	0	0.00	2	0	1	1
Yean	0	1	1.80	10	2	2	6
Fernández	0	0	2.25	4	1	2	3
Williams	0	0	2.65	17	5	6	22
Poulin	3	0	2.70	36.2	11	21	25
Griffin	12	3	3.06	129.1	44	30	116
Ribalta	0	2	3.20	39.1	14	15	37
Cavalli	12	5	3.21	148.2	53	43	169
Bird	0	0	3.24	8.1	3	2	10
Alvarez	2	6	3.72	84.2	35	38	80
Lord	5	2	3.74	67.1	28	27	60
Beeter	5	4	3.76	40.2	17	29	42
Lovelady	1	3	3.91	23	10	17	21
Lawrence	0	0	4.26	6.1	3	7	6
Littell	7	8	4.97	112.1	62	35	70
Cornelio	2	1	5.40	20	12	20	20
Cosgrove	0	2	5.40	13.1	8	3	11
Mikolas	3	9	5.82	116	75	23	58
Irvin	2	8	5.82	77.1	50	33	76
Kranick	0	0	6.14	14.2	10	7	9
Pérez	2	3	6.19	16	11	11	9
Schultz	1	2	6.40	32.1	23	12	32
Parker	3	3	6.58	39.2	29	13	34
Z.Kent	0	0	6.75	10.2	8	2	9
Waldichuk	0	0	6.75	9.1	7	6	8
Varland	1	2	6.82	31.2	24	15	30
Palmquist	0	2	7.71	16.1	14	8	15
Krook	0	1	7.71	4.2	4	6	4
Henry	0	2	7.90	13.2	12	7	15
J.Kent	0	2	8.03	12.1	11	11	14
Granillo	0	0	9.64	9.1	10	8	3
Cruz	0	1	11.25	4	5	5	4
Vivas	0	0	16.88	2.2	5	1	0
Wiemer	0	0	22.50	2	5	2	0

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
x-Chi. Cubs	76	56	.576	+5
x-Philadelphia	73	59	.553	+2
x-San Diego	71	61	.538	—
x-Arizona	69	63	.523	2
Miami	67	66	.504	4½
St. Louis	66	67	.496	5½

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
N.Y. Yankees	74	57	.565	+8½
Boston	73	59	.553	+7
x-Cleveland	66	66	.500	—
Houston	66	66	.500	—
Baltimore	64	68	.485	2
x-Minnesota	64	68	.485	2
Toronto	64	69	.481	2½
x-Seattle	63	69	.477	3
Detroit	62	70	.470	4

NL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Phi	.322
Gonzales, Pit	.307
Lopez, Mia	.307
Moreno, Ari	.306
Freeman, LA	.302
McCarthy, Col	.294

ERA

Misiorowski, Mil	1.676
Sale, Atl	2.200
Burns, Cin	2.515
Yamamoto, LA	2.611
Rodriguez, Ari	2.613
Sánchez, Phi	2.620

AL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Alvarez, Hou	.320
Simpson, TB	.312
Díaz, TB	.305
Rafaela, Bos	.289
DeLauter, Cle	.288
Witt, KC	.287

ERA

Schlittler, NY	2.165
Cease, Tor	2.370
Messick, Cle	2.497
Gray, Bos	2.791
Martinez, TB	2.926
Rasmussen, TB	2.950

Astros 9, Yankees 7

Yordan Alvarez went 3 for 5 and lined a go-ahead triple in the eighth inning off Brent Headrick as Houston beat New York.

Yainer Diaz also hit a pair of solo homers.

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Peña ss	5	2	2	2	0	1	.286
Alvarez dh	5	2	3	1	0	1	.323
Paredes 3b	3	0	1	1	2	0	.261
Altuve 2b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.247
Allen 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Varsho cf	5	0	2	2	0	1	.233
Walker 1b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Wade rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.206
Smith ph-rf	2	1	1	0	0	1	.217
Diaz c	4	3	3	3	1	0	.261
Trammell lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.212
Velázquez ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.200
TOTALS	41	9	14	9	4	9	—

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Grisham cf	3	2	0	0	2	1	.220
Rice dh	4	1	1	0	1	0	.249
García 1b	5	2	4	3	0	0	.283
Bellinger lf	5	1	1	3	0	0	.258
Lombard ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Jones rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.233
Chisholm 2b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.221
Wells c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.177
Caballero 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.233
TOTALS	35	7	10	7	5	3	—

HOUSTON ..... 011 012 031 — 9 14 0
NEW YORK .... 003 020 110 — 7 10 2

E: Lombard (5), Bellinger (3). **LOB:** Houston 9, New York 6. **2B:** García (24), Jones (9). **3B:** Alvarez (1), Smith (4). **HR:** Diaz (9), off Warren; Peña (15), off Cruz; Diaz (10), off Headrick; Bellinger (12), off Pecko; García (27), off Pecko.

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pecko	4⅓	5	5	5	4	1	7.88
Sousa	1⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.42
Okert	⅔	2	1	1	1	1	2.20
Abreu	1	3	1	1	0	0	4.17
Hader	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.81

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Warren	5	7	3	2	2	4	4.39
Cruz	1	1	2	2	1	0	3.13
De los Santos	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.02
Headrick	⅔	4	3	3	0	1	1.88
Hanner	1⅓	2	1	1	0	3	6.75

WP: Abreu (5-3); **LP:** Headrick (7-3); **S:** Hader (19). **Inherited runners-scored:** Abreu 2-0, Hader 1-0, Hanner 1-0. **WP:** Warren. **PB:** Wells (3). ABS Challenge_Pecko (Ball-Confirmed) **T:** 3:05. **A:** 43,229 (47,309).

Tigers 4, Rays 1

Max Clark hit his first home run at Comerica Park and five Detroit pitchers combined to allow one run as Detroit ended a six-game losing streak with a win over the Tampa Bay.

Drew Sommers retired all five batters he faced for his first major league victory and Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.303
Aranda 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.277
Caminero 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.278
Hicks c	4	0	2	0	0	0	.286
Simpson lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.308
DeLuca rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.271
Mullins cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.204
Palacios 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.230
Walls ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.214
TOTALS	31	1	5	1	4	7	—

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Torres 2b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.261
Malgeri lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Lee 3b-2b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.275
McGonigle ss-3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Dingler c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.253
Valencia dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.329
McKinstry rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Torkelson 1b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.224
Báez lf-ss	3	2	1	0	0	0	.262
Clark cf	3	1	1	2	0	0	.247
TOTALS	33	4	8	3	0	7	—

TAMPA BAY .. 000 100 000 — 1 5 1
DETROIT .... 000 030 10X — 4 8 0

E: Aranda (6). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 5. **2B:** Hicks (13), Torkelson (23). **3B:** Báez (1). **HR:** Clark (2), off Seymour.

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Legumina	2⅓	1	0	0	0	2	3.84
Seymour	5⅔	7	4	3	0	5	4.21

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jobe	4⅓	4	1	1	3	4	3.93
Sommers	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	2.93
Waguespack	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.40
Holton	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.06
Jansen	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.08

WP: Sommers (1-3); **LP:** Seymour (9-5); **S:** Jansen (17). **Inherited runners-scored:** Seymour 1-0. ABS Challenge_Palacios (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 2:27. **A:** 26,605 (41,083).

Giants 5, Reds 0

Late Monday

Rafael Devers hit a three-run homer in the second inning and San Francisco snapped a four-game losing streak by beating Cincinnati.

San Francisco leadoff hitter Drew Gilbert doubled in each of his first two at-bats.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
De La Cruz ss	4	0	1	0	0	3	.262
Stewart 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.263
Myers cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.251
Stephenson dh	3	0	2	0	1	1	.246
Suárez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.207
McLain 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.194
Bleday rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.229
I.Johnson lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.071
TOTALS	32	0	5	0	2	11	—

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Gilbert cf	4	2	2	0	0	0	.239
Devers 1b	4	2	2	3	0	0	.243
Lee dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.288
Hill lf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.267
Cavanaugh c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.227
Furman 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Basabe 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Whitcomb 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.115
McCray rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.100
Koss ss	3	1	2	0	0	1	.214
TOTALS	32	5	10	5	1	7	—

CINCINNATI... 000 000 000 — 0 5 0
SAN FRAN. .... 230 000 00X — 5 10 0

LOB: Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 4. **2B:** Gilbert 2 (12), Hill (3). **3B:** McCray (1). **HR:** Devers (27), off Burns.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burns	3⅔	9	5	5	1	5	2.77
Moll	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.61
Garcia	2	0	0	0	0	1	2.51
Pagán	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.15

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Whisenhunt	2⅔	2	0	0	1	3	6.49
Foley	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	3.46
Sanmartin	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.68
Walker	2	2	0	0	0	2	6.99
Seymour	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.96
Smith	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.86

WP: Foley (1-1); **LP:** Burns (14-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Moll 1-0, Foley 2-0. ABS Challenge_De La Cruz (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:21. **A:** 31,123 (41,915).

VINCENT CARCHIETTA/IMAGN IMAGES

Blast in the Bronx

Yainer Diaz launched two home runs Tuesday to help the Astros turn back the host Yankees, 9-7.

Braves 4, Dodgers 3

Ozzie Albies singled in the go-ahead run with two outs in the eighth inning to send Atlanta to a victory over Los Angeles.

The Braves came into the game with an offense that had struggled mightily during a 3-7 skid.

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ohtani dh	5	0	1	0	0	1	.287
Freeman 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.299
Betts ss	5	0	1	0	0	0	.236
Muncy 3b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.256
Edman 2b	4	2	1	0	0	0	.266
Tucker rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.231
Call lf	3	0	2	1	1	1	.261
A.Thomas cf	3	0	1	1	1	1	.192
Feduccia c	3	0	2	1	0	1	.242
Rojas ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Rortvedt c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.150
TOTALS	37	3	10	3	3	7	—

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Baldwin dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.270
Acuña rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.232
Olson 1b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.260
Dubón ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.268
Harris cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.293
Albies 2b	3	0	2	2	0	0	.255
Yastrzemski lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.228
L.Thomas ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Riley 3b	3	0	0	0	0	3	.221
Murphy c	2	0	0	0	1	1	.136
TOTALS	32	4	9	4	1	8	—

L.A. .... 020 100 000 — 3 10 0
ATLANTA....... 300 000 01X — 4 9 0

LOB: Los Angeles 11, Atlanta 6. **2B:** Olson (32). **3B:** Ohtani (4).

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Glasnow	5	6	3	3	0	7	3.02
Vesia	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.11
Dreyer	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	2.87
Phillips	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.60
Scott	1	2	1	1	0	0	2.36

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Elder	6	8	3	3	0	5	3.95
Lee	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.11
Mederos	⅔	0	0	0	2	1	3.42
Dodd	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.20
Iglesias	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.94

WP: Dodd (4-1); **LP:** Scott (1-4); **S:** Iglesias (28). **Inherited runners-scored:** Phillips 2-0, Dodd 2-0. **IBB:** off Iglesias (Muncy). **HBP:** Elder (Edman). **WP:** Glasnow. ABS Challenge_Yastrzemski (Strike-Overturned to Ball) Pitch timer violations_Iglesias (pitcher). **T:** 2:42. **A:** 36,832 (41,149).

Guardians 4, Angels 2

Late Monday

Parker Messick pitched six innings of one-run ball and Austin Hedges hit a two-run homer in Cleveland's victory over Angels.

Angels rookie George Klassen gave up three runs — two earned — and six hits in 5 1/3 innings.

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.265
Ramírez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.235
Adell dh	3	0	1	1	1	1	.262
N.Lowe 1b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.262
Genao 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.290
Martínez rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Halpin cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.214
Hedges c	4	1	1	2	0	1	.270
Rocchio ss	4	1	0	0	0	0	.247
TOTALS	33	4	8	4	3	5	—

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Neto ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.237
Trout cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.240
Grissom 1b	3	1	0	0	0	0	.245
Ballesteros dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.214
Siri rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.253
J.Lowe ph-rf	2	0	2	0	0	0	.212
Campero lf	3	0	0	1	0	2	.300
Moore 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.156
Guzman 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.227
d'Arnaud c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.164
Frazier ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.257
Heineman c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.179
TOTALS	31	2	6	2	1	8	—

CLEVELAND... 001 012 000 — 4 8 0
L.A................ 000 100 001 — 2 6 2

E: Klassen (1), Guzman (7). **LOB:** Cleveland 6, Los Angeles 5. **2B:** Martínez (18), J.Lowe (7). **HR:** Hedges (5), off Weiman.

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Messick	6	3	1	1	1	4	2.50
Holderman	1	1	0	0	0	3	2.29
Gaddis	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.22
Smith	1	1	1	1	0	1	2.44

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Klassen	5⅓	6	3	2	3	3	3.67
Weiman	1	1	1	1	0	0	2.25
Murphy	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	1.74
Peralta	2	1	0	0	0	1	5.19

WP: Messick (10-8); **LP:** Klassen (2-2); **S:** Smith (34). **Inherited runners-scored:** Weiman 1-1. **HBP:** Smith (Grissom). ABS Challenge_Klassen (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:33. **A:** 26,302 (45,517).

Royals 5, Blue Jays 3

Salvador Perez drove in two runs, Seth Lugo gave up one run in five effective innings, and streaking Kansas City beat Toronto to extend its winning streak to nine games.

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Jensen c	4	1	1	1	1	2	.219
Witt ss	3	1	0	0	2	1	.288
Pasquantino 1b	3	0	1	0	2	0	.245
Perez dh	4	0	1	1	1	1	.222
Massey 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.276
Tolbert 2b	2	1	1	0	0	1	.290
Loftin 3b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.237
Collins lf	4	0	2	0	1	0	.231
Rave rf	4	1	2	1	1	1	.232
Isbel cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.241
TOTALS	35	5	10	3	9	9	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bateman cf	5	2	3	0	0	2	.328
Lukes rf	4	0	2	2	1	0	.263
Guerrero 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.262
Okamoto 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.229
Sánchez dh	2	0	0	1	0	1	.262
Clement 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.283
Giménez ss	3	0	2	0	0	0	.243
Valenzuela c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Kirk ph-c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Straw lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Springer ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.239
D.Cameron lf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.294
TOTALS	33	3	10	3	2	7	—

KANSAS CITY 100 012 001 — 5 10 1
TORONTO ...... 100 000 002 — 3 10 1

E: Massey (4), Guerrero (8). **LOB:** Kansas City 14, Toronto 8. **2B:** Giménez (20), Guerrero (20).

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
S.Lugo	5	6	1	1	1	5	4.61
Schreiber	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.72
Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	0	13.0
Pearson	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.41
Cruz	1	3	2	2	0	0	4.44

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer	5	4	2	2	5	4	7.02
Fisher	⅓	2	2	0	0	0	3.41
Fluharty	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	3.59
Sewald	1	1	0	0	2	1	5.65
Little	1	0	0	0	1	3	8.55
Rogers	1	3	1	1	0	1	1.94

WP: S.Lugo (6-7); **LP:** Scherzer (1-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Fluharty 2-2. **IBB:** off Fluharty (Witt). **HBP:** Thomas (Giménez), Pearson (Sánchez). **WP:** Fluharty. ABS Challenge_Clement (Strike-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Fluharty (pitcher). **T:** 2:58. **A:** 43,245 (39,150).

Cubs 7, Diamondbacks 0

Late Monday

Michael Conforto and Carson Kelly hit back-to-back homers, and Chicago beat Arizona.

The Cubs moved to 5 1/2 games behind the Brewers for the NL Central lead.

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crow-Armstrong cf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Suzuki rf	5	0	1	1	0	1	.269
Busch 1b	3	1	0	0	2	2	.243
Bregman 3b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.256
Happ lf	5	1	2	1	0	0	.220
Hoerner ss	3	0	0	1	0	1	.262
Ramirez 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.290
Conforto dh	3	2	3	2	1	0	.232
C.Kelly c	3	1	1	1	1	0	.262
TOTALS	36	7	10	7	4	4	—

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Fernandez ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.269
Carroll rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.251
Moreno c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.303
Perdomo ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Kepler lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.219
Lawlar ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.281
Arenado 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Tawa 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.251
Vargas 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.262
Waldschmidt cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.273
TOTALS	31	0	5	0	1	6	—

CHICAGO........ 010 013 200 — 7 10 0
ARIZONA .... 000 000 000 — 0 5 0

LOB: Chicago 7, Arizona 5. **2B:** Conforto (13), Suzuki (25), Happ (24). **3B:** Ramirez (2). **HR:** Conforto (12), off Clarke; C.Kelly (8), off Clarke.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gausman	7	3	0	0	1	6	4.37
Zeferjahn	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.99
Thielbar	1	2	0	0	0	0	5.09

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
M.Kelly	5⅔	5	3	3	3	4	5.35
Clarke	⅓	2	2	2	0	0	2.61
Jameson	2	3	2	2	1	0	5.12
Burgos	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.45

WP: Gausman (7-11); **LP:** M.Kelly (8-12). **Inherited runners-scored:** Clarke 1-1. ABS Challenge_Gausman (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:35. **A:** 28,704 (48,359).

Back in his old haunt, Holliday sparks O's

ORIOLES 13, CARDINALS 1

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

ST. LOUIS — A few hours before the Baltimore Orioles' series opener against the St. Louis Cardinals, Jackson Holliday spoke about what he expected it to feel like to play in the ballpark where he grew up watching his dad play.

The previous time Holliday hit at Busch Stadium, he was 12. A decade later, Holliday said he was going to focus on putting one out in batting practice first.

"I'll try my best in BP, start there," the leadoff hitter said. "Hopefully, get a few knocks this week."

This week? Try Tuesday.

Holliday sparked the Orioles' offense to one of its most impressive outputs of the season — and the ballclub to one of its best victories of the year — by smacking three of the team's 16 hits en route to Baltimore's 13-1 win. The Orioles tied their season high in scoring, while their 12-run margin of victory is their best of the year.

But Holliday, whose parents and grandparents were in attendance, might not have been the happiest player on the Orioles to be in St. Louis this week. Pete Alonso, the team's No. 2 hitter, entered with Ruthian numbers at Busch Stadium, and they became even more like the Great Bambino's after the Polar Bear's 4-for-4 performance.

Alonso blasted a three-run homer in the third inning and then smacked two more hits to follow Holliday in the fifth to keep the quarter in the merry-go-round of Baltimore's season-best eight-run frame. Alonso's 1.243 OPS at Busch Stadium is the best of any player with at least 75 plate appearances in the ballpark.

— Baltimore Sun

Orioles 13, Cardinals 1

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Holliday 2b	6	2	3	1	0	0	.236
Alonso 1b	4	2	4	4	0	0	.276
Narváez c	1	0	1	0	0	0	.169
Henderson ss	4	1	0	0	1	1	.219
Mayo dh	5	1	1	1	0	2	.212
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	5	2	2	3	0	1	.238
Basallo c-1b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.233
Franklin cf	4	2	1	0	0	2	.172
Beavers lf	4	1	2	2	1	1	.246
Taveras rf	5	2	2	2	0	2	.228
TOTALS	43	13	16	13	2	13	—

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wetherholt ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Jordan 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Herrera c-1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.242
Burleson 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.291
Crooks c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.173
Jor.Walker rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.285
Torres lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Báez lf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.150
Gorman dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.190
Urías 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.154
Church cf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.243
Fermín 2b-ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.244
TOTALS	33	1	7	1	0	10	—

BALTIMORE... 004 081 000 — 13 16 0
ST. LOUIS....... 001 000 000 — 1 7 1

E: Liberatore (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 6, St. Louis 6. **2B:** Alonso (24), Franklin (2), Beavers (14), Narváez (7). **HR:** Alonso (31), off Liberatore; Encarnacion-Strand (7), off Liberatore; Church (10), off Bassitt. **RBI:** Alonso 4 (89), Encarnacion-Strand 3 (25), Mayo (48), Beavers 2 (30), Taveras 2 (46), Holliday (27), Church (42).

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bassitt	6⅔	6	1	1	0	5	4.74
Cano	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.21
Nunez	2	1	0	0	0	5	4.31

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Liberatore	4	8	8	8	1	7	5.44
Strzelecki	⅓	4	4	4	1	1	5.79
Ferguson	1⅔	2	1	1	0	3	4.55
Fernandez	2	1	0	0	0	2	4.15
Pagés	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

WP: Bassitt (5-4); **LP:** Liberatore (5-12). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cano 1-0, Strzelecki 3-3, Ferguson 2-0. **HBP:** Strzelecki (Franklin), Bassitt (Jordan). ABS Challenge_Bassitt (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:54. **A:** 26,877 (44,494).

Red Sox 7, Marlins 3 (11)

Jarren Duran hit a grand slam in the 11th, Mickey Gasper had two-homers and Boston beat Miami.

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Sogard 3b-2b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.275
Rafaela cf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.288
Abreu rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.254
Contreras 1b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.281
Gasper dh	2	2	2	2	2	0	.281
Jones ph-dh	0	1	0	0	1	0	.217
Monasterio ss	5	1	1	0	0	0	.253
Duran lf	5	1	1	4	0	2	.209
Seigler 2b	2	0	0	0	2	1	.250
Durbin 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Wong c	5	1	0	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	39	7	7	6	6	9	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Lopez ss	5	0	1	0	0	2	.306
Hernández lf	5	1	1	1	0	0	.231
Ramírez dh	3	0	0	0	0	3	.232
Stowers ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Sanoja 3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.275
Edwards 2b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.286
Jiménez 1b	3	1	0	0	2	0	.206
Conine rf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.259
Ruiz cf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.241
Marsee ph-cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.210
Navarreto c	3	1	0	1	0	1	.118
TOTALS	39	3	7	2	4	12	—

BOSTON ...... 010 001 000 14 — 7 7 2
MIAMI .... 000 011 000 10 — 3 7 0

E: Guerrero (1), Monasterio (7). **LOB:** Boston 7, Miami 11. **2B:** Edwards (17). **HR:** Gasper (4), off Phillips; Gasper (5), off Zuber; Duran (18), off Gibson; Hernández (20), off Tolle.

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Tolle	5⅓	4	2	2	2	7	3.09
Guerrero	1⅔	2	0	0	1	0	2.72
Weissert	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.93
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.09
Olds	⅔	0	1	0	0	1	0.00
Gamboa	1⅓	0	0	0	1	0	1.31

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Phillips	4⅔	3	1	1	3	7	3.59
Vodnik	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.98
Zuber	1	1	1	1	0	0	3.81
Ralston	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Petersen	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.46
Ekness	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.59
Faucher	1	0	1	0	0	1	3.99
Gibson	1	2	4	3	1	0	6.10

WP: Gamboa (1-0); **LP:** Gibson (2-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Guerrero 1-0, Gamboa 2-0, Vodnik 1-0. **WP:** Olds. **PB:** Wong (2), Navarreto (1). ABS Challenge_Lopez (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 3:26. **A:** 16,821 (37,446).

Mariners 9, Phillies 2

Late Monday

Cal Raleigh hit three home runs and Seattle stopped Philadelphia's season-best winning streak at nine games with a victory over the Phillies.

Julio Rodríguez launched a three-run homer in the first and Raleigh added a two-run drive to cap a five-run inning against struggling Phillies ace Zack Wheeler.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	3	1	0	0	1	1	.243
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Harper rf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.262
Arraez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.321
Bohm 1b	4	0	0	1	0	1	.246
Stott 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.259
Marsh lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.274
Realmuto c	3	1	1	1	0	0	.225
Crawford cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.266
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	2	8	—

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arozarena lf	2	1	0	0	3	1	.274
Canzone rf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.256
Rodríguez cf	5	2	2	3	0	2	.249
Naylor 1b	4	0	3	0	0	0	.271
Ward dh	2	1	0	0	2	1	.235
Raleigh c	3	3	3	4	1	0	.167
Young 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.251
Wilson 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.202
Rodden ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.214
TOTALS	33	9	10	8	6	12	—

PHILA. .... 110 000 000 — 2 5 1
SEATTLE .... 501 020 10X — 9 10 0

E: Turner (20). **LOB:** Philadelphia 5, Seattle 6. **2B:** Naylor (18). **HR:** Realmuto (9), off Gilbert; Rodríguez (20), off Wheeler; Raleigh 2 (16), off Wheeler; Young (16), off Wheeler; Raleigh (17), off Shugart.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler	4	9	8	8	5	4	3.40
McFarlane	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.23
Alvarado	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.94
Shugart	2	1	1	1	1	4	4.70

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert	5	5	2	2	2	5	3.36
Domínguez	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.53
Speier	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.57
Vargas	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.86

WP: Gilbert (11-7); **LP:** Wheeler (10-5). **WP:** Wheeler. **T:** 2:41. **A:** 35,293 (47,929).

Mets 3, Brewers 2 (10)

Francisco Lindor made a diving catch at shortstop in the ninth inning and scored the winning run in the 10th to lead New York past Milwaukee.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Chourio lf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.276
Turang 2b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Contreras c	4	2	3	0	1	1	.271
Vaughn 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.308
Bauers ph-1b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.272
Sánchez dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.212
Yelich ph-dh	1	0	1	1	0	0	.234
Lara rf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.259
Mitchell cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.262
Ortiz 3b-ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.247
Pratt ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.259
Hamilton pr-3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.238
TOTALS	37	2	9	2	3	9	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	4	2	2	1	1	0	.239
Bichette 3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.265
Benge rf	4	0	3	0	1	0	.282
Robert cf	4	1	2	1	1	0	.232
Wagaman dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.191
Baty ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	.219
Morel ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.162
Young 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Semien 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Torrens c	4	0	1	0	0	3	.240
Ewing lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.244
TOTALS	38	3	11	2	3	7	—

MILWAUKEE 000 100 001 0 — 2 9 1
NEW YORK ... 000 011 000 1 — 3 11 0

One out when winning run scored.
E: Hamilton (9). **LOB:** Milwaukee 9, New York 11. **2B:** Contreras 2 (21), Yelich (20), Baty (16). **HR:** Lindor (13), off Harrison; Robert (10), off Patrick.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Harrison	5	6	1	1	1	5	2.79
Patrick	⅔	3	1	1	0	0	3.34
Senzatela	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	3.82
Ashby	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.28
Megill	1⅓	1	1	0	2	1	2.28

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Thornton	6	7	1	1	0	4	2.88
Lavender	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Warren	⅓	2	1	1	1	1	4.50
Yan	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	3.86
Pintaro	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.86

WP: Pintaro (2-0); **LP:** Megill (2-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Senzatela 2-0, Yan 2-0. **IBB:** off Megill (Benge). **WP:** Patrick. ABS Challenge_Contreras (Strike-Overturned to Ball) Pitch timer violations_Megill (pitcher). **T:** 3:01. **A:** 28,942 (42,136).

Twins 9, Athletics 6

Late Monday

Zebby Matthews allowed six hits and one run over seven innings, Josh Bell drove in three runs, and Minnesota beat the Athletics.

Matthews struck out seven and gave up one walk. The right-hander has won all four of his August starts.

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Keaschall rf	6	0	2	2	0	1	.274
Buxton cf	5	4	3	0	1	0	.256
Jeffers c	4	0	1	0	2	0	.281
Bell dh	3	1	1	3	0	0	.253
Clemens lf	5	0	2	2	0	2	.239
Lewis 1b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.233
Culpepper ss	5	1	4	1	0	0	.340
Lee 3b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.247
Kreidler 2b	4	2	1	1	0	2	.227
TOTALS	42	9	16	9	3	5	—

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bolte cf	4	3	3	0	1	0	.276
McNeil 1b	5	1	3	2	0	0	.267
Gelof 2b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.261
Butler rf	3	0	2	2	2	1	.223
White 3b	4	0	0	1	0	1	.254
Walton ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Muncy lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.215
Cortes dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.257
Heim c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.205
TOTALS	36	6	12	6	3	7	—

MINNESOTA .. 101 023 020 — 9 16 0
ATHLETICS .... 001 000 014 — 6 12 0

LOB: Minnesota 12, Athletics 8. **2B:** Bell (27), Buxton (18), Keaschall 2 (21), McNeil (17), Gelof (13), Butler (15). **HR:** Kreidler (6), off Springs.

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Matthews	7	6	1	1	1	7	4.86
Nance	1	2	1	1	1	0	3.35
Gómez	⅔	4	4	4	1	0	3.79
A.Morris	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.41

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Springs	4⅔	7	4	4	2	3	6.08
Juenger	⅔	3	3	3	1	0	9.00
K.Morris	2⅔	5	2	2	0	2	10.6
Rom	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.35

WP: Matthews (8-8); **LP:** Springs (3-12); **S:** A.Morris (4). **Inherited runners-scored:** A.Morris 1-0, Juenger 2-0, K.Morris 3-1. **HBP:** Matthews (Walton), K.Morris (Bell). **WP:** K.Morris. ABS Challenge_Springs (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:53. **A:** 8,149 (14,014).

Rangers 11, White Sox 2

Late Monday

Corey Seager had three hits and three RBI, and Jake Burger and Wyatt Langford homered to lead Texas to an 11-2 victory over Chicago.

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Pederson dh	1	1	0	0	1	1	.234
Foscue ph-dh-2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.253
Seager ss	4	1	3	3	1	0	.232
Lopez ph-ss	1	1	1	0	0	0	.262
Langford lf	5	2	2	2	1	1	.253
Nimmo rf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.260
Duran 3b-rf	4	1	2	2	1	1	.272
Carter cf	4	1	1	1	1	0	.196
Burger 1b	3	1	2	2	2	1	.236
Díaz c	4	1	0	0	0	1	.228
Freeman 2b-3b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.300
TOTALS	39	11	14	10	8	6	—

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Antonacci lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Murakami 1b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.223
Vargas 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.246
Benintendi dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Doyle ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.208
B.Montgomery rf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.233
C.Montgomery ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.211
Meidroth 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.268
Peters cf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.271
Romo c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.147
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	3	11	—

TEXAS........... 212 021 012 — 11 14 0
CHICAGO........ 020 000 000 — 2 5 0

LOB: Texas 11, Chicago 6. **2B:** Carter (13), Seager 2 (12), Foscue (9), Burger (19), Duran (25). **HR:** Burger (22), off Schweitzer; Langford (15), off Richards; Peters (10), off Rocker.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rocker	5⅔	5	2	2	3	8	4.41
Ahlstrom	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	4.75
J.Montgomery	2	0	0	0	0	2	6.30

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Urquidy	3	6	5	5	4	2	6.63
Schweitzer	2	3	2	2	0	2	3.64
Brazobán	1	1	1	1	2	0	3.16
Richards	2⅔	4	3	3	2	2	3.66
Acuña	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

WP: Rocker (5-10); **LP:** Urquidy (2-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Ahlstrom 1-0. **IBB:** off Richards (Seager). **HBP:** Urquidy 2 (Nimmo,Díaz). **WP:** Richards(2). ABS Challenge_Burger (Strike-Overturned to Ball) Pitch timer violations_Richards (pitcher). Ejected_Pederson. **T:** 3:07. **A:** 11,471 (40,241).

Pirates 3, Padres 2 (12)

Late Monday

Pittsburgh snapped their three-game skid with a victory over San Diego.

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Gonzales dh	5	0	2	1	1	0	.308
Valdez rf	3	1	1	1	1	2	.249
Cook rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.180
Mangum ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.292
Reynolds lf	5	1	1	0	1	1	.261
Cruz cf	6	0	0	0	0	3	.259
Flores c	4	0	2	1	1	0	.266
Lowe 2b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.252
Yorke 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Gonzalez ph-ss	3	0	0	0	0	3	.219
Horwitz 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.252
Triolo ss-3b	4	1	2	0	1	0	.239
TOTALS	44	3	9	3	5	15	—

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tatis rf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.287
Cronenworth 2b	5	0	2	1	0	1	.230
Machado 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0	.215
France 1b	3	0	1	0	2	0	.289
Merrill cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.238
Bogaerts ss	3	0	0	0	2	0	.218
Sheets dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Hays ph-dh	3	0	1	0	0	2	.242
Fermin c	2	1	2	0	0	0	.201
Rengifo ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.247
Campusano c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.293
Harris lf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.229
TOTALS	39	2	7	1	6	10	—

PITTSBURGH 000 002 000 001— 3 9 0
SAN DIEGO ... 000 001 010 000— 2 7 0

LOB: Pittsburgh 13, San Diego 10. **2B:** Flores (3), Fermin (11), Harris (2). **HR:** Valdez (15), off Ray.

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ashcraft	6	4	1	1	1	2	3.59
Soto	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.38
Weaver	⅔	2	1	1	2	1	2.36
Montgomery	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	3.25
Doval	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.91
Yates	1	0	0	0	2	1	3.32
Ramírez	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.15

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ray	5⅓	5	2	2	2	5	3.21
Rodriguez	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	2.02
Matsui	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.13
Hart	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.05
Miller	1	1	0	0	1	2	0.81
Morejon	2	0	0	0	1	2	2.66
Estrada	1	1	1	0	0	1	3.48

WP: Yates (2-5); **LP:** Estrada (2-3); **S:** Ramírez (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Montgomery 3-0, Rodriguez 1-1. **IBB:** off Morejon (Flores). **WP:** Morejon, Estrada. ABS Challenge_Ashcraft (Ball-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Morejon (pitcher). **T:** 4:10. **A:** 40,447 (40,222).

NOTES

MLB COACH RELEASED FROM ICE CUSTODY

A San Diego Padres minor league coaching coordinator who was detained by federal immigration officers in Texas has been released on bond, his family said Tuesday.

Oswaldo Pirela, who is from Venezuela and lives in Arizona, was back home with his family following his release on Monday, his sister Daniela Pirela said.

The Department of Homeland Security previously said Pirela came to the U.S. legally in 2014 and "overstayed his welcome" after 2018. His family has disputed Homeland Security's account and says Pirela had applied for asylum and obtained work permits.

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Blue Jays: Recalled RHP Chad Dallas from Class AAA Buffalo.

Dodgers: Reinstated RHP Tyler Glasnow from the 60-day injured list.

TODAY

NL games

ROCKIES AT NATIONALS, 6:45	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Gordon (R)	0-4	5.75	2-4
TBD	----	----	----

CUBS AT DIAMONDBACKS, 3:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Boyd (L)	8-2	4.15	11-5
Rodriguez (L)	13-4	2.61	20-6

REDS AT GIANTS, 3:45	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Lodolo (L)	3-3	5.04	4-11
Roupp (R)	7-13	4.34	7-18

PIRATES AT PADRES, 4:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Chandler (R)	6-8	4.38	10-14
Vásquez (R)	9-6	4.20	13-7

BREWERS AT METS, 7:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
May (R)	6-8	4.57	11-13
Stock (R)	0-2	5.40	2-2

DODGERS AT BRAVES, 7:15	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Sasaki (R)	5-5	4.42	12-10
Smith-Shawver (R)	0-0	6.23	0-2

NL scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 13, Colorado 3
at San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 0
Chicago Cubs 7, at Arizona 0
Pittsburgh 3, at San Diego 2 (12)

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Colorado 3 at Washington 1
at N.Y. Mets 3, Milwaukee 2 (10)
at Atlanta 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, late
Pittsburgh at San Diego, late
Cincinnati at San Francisco, late

Interleague games

ORIOLES AT CARDINALS, 7:45	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Bradish (R)	7-12	3.70	12-13
McGreevy (R)	5-9	3.54	13-12

PHILLIES AT MARINERS, 4:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Luzardo (L)	11-5	3.23	18-8
Woo (R)	9-8	4.10	12-12

RED SOX AT MARLINS, 6:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Gray (R)	16-3	2.79	18-6
Gusto (R)	0-3	4.37	7-5

Interleague scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 4, at Miami 2
at Seattle 9, Philadelphia 2

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 13, at St. Louis 1
Boston 7, at Miami 3 (11)
Philadelphia at Seattle, late

AL games

RAYS AT TIGERS, 1:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Peralta (R)	5-11	5.33	12-14
Melton (R)	7-2	1.70	11-4

GUARDIANS AT ANGELS, 4:07	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Cantillo (L)	9-7	3.73	17-10
Rodriguez (R)	4-5	6.41	4-10

ASTROS AT YANKEES, 7:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Lambert (R)	8-7	3.68	13-9
TBD	----	----	----

ROYALS AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Dobnak (R)	2-1	1.58	4-3
TBD	----	----	----

RANGERS AT WHITE SOX, 7:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Gore (L)	7-9	4.26	15-12
Burke (R)	7-6	3.27	11-11

TWINS AT ATHLETICS, 9:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Prielipp (L)	3-7	5.57	6-12
Ginn (R)	8-8	3.60	13-10

AL scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 4, at Detroit 1
Texas 11, at Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 4, at L.A. Angels 2
Minnesota 9, at Athletics 6

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 1
Houston 9, at N.Y. Yankees 7
Kansas City 5 at Toronto 3
Texas at Chicago White Sox, late
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, late
Minnesota at Athletics, late

GOLF NOTES

PGA offers LIV players a strict pathway back to the tour

BY DOUG FERGUSON

ATLANTA — PGA Tour CEO Brian Rolapp offered a path back to a small number of LIV Golf players at the start of the year with a tight deadline to accept it and a warning that "once the door closes, there is no promise that this path will be available again."

It's a hot topic now that the LIV Golf League is done with its shortened season. The speculation is just starting to ramp up on which players might want to come back — Jon Rahm and Bryson DeChambeau chief among them.

Brooks Koepka mutually ended his contract with LIV Golf when he left at the end of 2025, and that would be a starting point now.

"Anyone who's interested in coming to the PGA Tour needs to demonstrate that they are relieved of their contractual commitments or any tail obligations they might have in that legacy model," Rolapp said Tuesday. "Brooks certainly did that, and until then, we weren't really able to consider anything seriously. I would say the same thing here."

Any path back does sound like a smooth one. Along with preaching meritocracy, Rolapp brought up rules that applied to the players who bolted for LIV Golf with big signing bonuses. LIV players typically have been banned from PGA Tour-sanctioned events for one year from the time of their last LIV appearance.

"The tour is a membership organization. It has rules. Those rules exist for lots of reasons — for fair, competitive reasons," Rolapp said.

"Rules only matter if they're enforced," he said. "So accountability and discipline are essential to any organization, and certainly for the integrity of the tour and for the game, especially in a game that prides itself on rules and integrity."

MIKE STEWART/AP

The PGA Tour, said chief executive Brian Rolapp, "is a membership organization. It has rules. … Rules only matter if they're enforced."

Kim eyes earnings milestone

One of the popular topics for years was looking at the list of players who have earned more than $10 million in their PGA Tour careers without a victory.

Si Woo Kim is on the verge of passing $10 million in one year without winning. He is at $9,735,444, assured of going over the mark because last place at the Tour Championship pays $355,000.

There hasn't been many last-place finishes for the 31-year-old South Korean.

He has been runner-up three times this year, most recently in the first FedEx Cup playoff event (by eight shots to Scottie Scheffler). He has 11 finishes in the top 10 — only Scheffler has more — and his only missed cut was at the U.S. Open.

"I think it's the best year for me, like all my golf career," Kim said. "I've been playing so much consistently this year. I haven't won yet, but even if not win, I still like the way I finished this year."

The biggest change has been his putting, going to a long putter. It's still well below average — he ranks No. 106 in the key putting stat — but it's his highest ranking in that category, and a big improvement from being No. 161 last year.

"I was struggling with the putting yips pretty much the last 10 years," he said. "Like shaking hands during putting. First year I got broomstick, I won Sony Open after Presidents Cup. Now without the putting yips, I think I can play good."

He's still not able to take down Scheffler in their money games at Royal Oaks in Dallas. Kim beat him once at the start of the year, but they played another match and Scheffler got it all back. Kim was asked whether he could estimate how much he has lost to the world's No. 1 player this year.

"I can't say how much I lost, but I think I'm paying for his second son, all the diapers," he said.

Awards season

The PGA Tour player of the year award is getting plenty of attention going into the Tour Championship. Scheffler was a leading contender until Wyndham Clark won the BMW Championship, giving him three wins, including a major. Scheffler has two wins but leads most of the major statistical categories.

Another race could be decided at East Lake. Kristoffer Reitan of Norway and Alex Fitzpatrick of England are the only two PGA Tour rookies to reach the Tour Championship.

Reitan won a signature event at the Truist Championship at Quail Hollow. Fitzpatrick didn't have a PGA Tour card until he teamed up with his older brother, 2023 U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick, to win the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Since then, Alex Fitzpatrick has had four top-10 finishes, all against some of the strongest fields in the signature events. Reitan has two other top 10s beyond the Truist.

"I would say maybe it all comes down to this week," Fitzpatrick said. "But truthfully it's not something that I've really thought about that much. I think with everything else that's gone on this year, to be here has been amazing.

"Whatever happens this week between me and him, whoever is the Rookie of the Year is amazing," he added. "But we've both had great years, and we'll both be proud no matter what."

Jackson Koivun also is a rookie and won the 3M Open, but his body of work didn't start until he turned pro at the Canadian Open in early June.

Money matters

The race to replace Tiger Woods atop the PGA Tour career earnings is now a two-way race, with Scheffler still holding the advantage.

Scheffler is $608,506 away from passing Woods, who has led the career earnings list since Feb. 13, 2000. That would require a minimum of 13th place at the Tour Championship, where the $40 million purse now counts as official money instead of a bonus.

Rory McIlroy, who picked up $1.36 million for his third-place finish at the BMW Championship last week, needs to make $3,150,795 at the Tour Championship to pass Woods. That would require a minimum of fourth place.

Divots

Preston Stout of Oklahoma State will get exemptions to the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach and the British Open at St. Andrews for winning the Mark H. McCormack Medal as the leading male in the 2026 World Amateur Golf Ranking. Playing them requires that he remain an amateur. …

The new PGA Tour schedule in 2028 will be a lot more compact, freeing up the latter part of the year for the DP World Tour and some of the national opens. Patrick Cantlay does not sound terribly interested in going. "The fall is a nice time for Europe to have their biggest events, but for me right now, the offseason is key in feeling fresh and ready to go, especially when I imagine a schedule that's even more golf over a shorter period of time," he said. …

Getting to the Tour Championship means Adam Scott's streak playing in the majors, assuming he stays healthy, will reach at least 106 in a row. He's at 101. He is assured of all four majors next year and the Masters (past champion) in 2028.

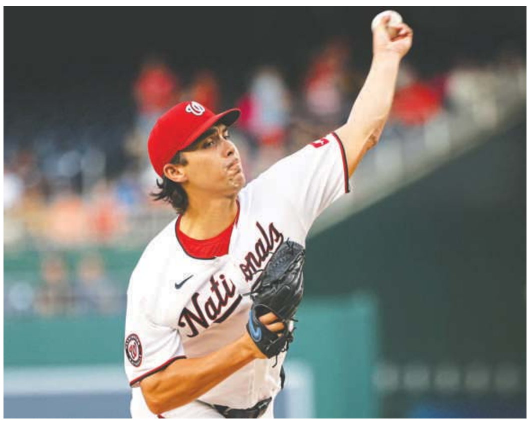
Stat of the week

The Solheim Cup between the United States and Europe will feature only 13 of the top 50 players in the women's world ranking.

Final word

"If I don't get love at the Presidents Cup as a USA guy, then I don't know. I might move to Mexico or something." — Clark, joking about crowds who always seem to pull for the other guy.

— Associated Press



DANIEL KUCIN JR./AP

Left-hander Andrew Alvarez surrendered three earned runs on five hits and two walks in 4⅔ innings Tuesday night. He struck out six.

Lile has hot bat, but Nats come up lacking in defeat

NATIONALS FROM **B7**

going to benefit me before I go out there."

Lile had two of the Nationals' five hits, homering in the fourth inning and adding a single in the sixth. He was the only player to score off Mason Adams, who was making his MLB debut for the Rockies, and one of two to get a hit off Colorado's bullpen, which entered Tuesday's game with a 4.88 ERA, the fourth highest in the majors.

Lile's production is a sign of optimism for the future. And with Wood sidelined with a left oblique strain and Dylan Crews hitting just .213, any additional offense they can get from the outfield will help.

Lile is hard on himself and until recently wasn't handling failure well, Nationals Manager Blake Butera said. Lile was letting bad outcomes linger, but now Butera says he has flipped his mindset.

"He's back to playing with a chip on his shoulder and going about his business the right way," Butera said. "When he gets out, it's more of a like 'I'm going to fix this next time up,' and not like 'Here we go again.'"

Outside of Lile, the Nationals' pitching staff did its job. Andrew Alvarez allowed three runs in 4⅔ innings. The Rockies scored two runs in the fourth as Hunter Goodman hit a solo home run and Connor Norby drove in a run with a double.

They added one more in the fifth inning. Cole Carrigg struck out on a wild pitch that rolled to the wall behind home plate. Jake McCarthy, who was on second base, rolled around third, then brushed into Brady House, who was standing outside the dirt, on his way to home plate. Alvarez tagged him, but House was called for obstruction, and the Rockies took a 3-1 lead.

Brad Lord pitched 2⅓ scoreless innings, with Max Kranick and Jake Bird following with scoreless innings of their own.

NATIONALS ON DECK

vs. Colorado Rockies		
Wednesday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Thursday	1:05	Nationals.TV
vs. Miami Marlins		
Friday	6:45	WTTG (Ch. 5), Nationals.TV
Saturday	4:05	Nationals.TV
Sunday	12:15	NBCSN/ Peacock
Monday	6:45	Fox Sports 1, Nationals.TV
vs. Atlanta Braves		
Tuesday	6:45	Nationals.TV
Sept. 2	1:05	Nationals.TV

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)

Notes: The Nationals designated Trevor Williams for assignment, clearing space for Matt Waldron, who was claimed off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays. Waldron, 29, has a career ERA of 5.29. He closely resembles a knuckleballer, but the right-handed pitcher wouldn't go as far as saying he's part of that shrinking club.

Williams signed with the team before the 2023 season and made 60 starts over the next three seasons. He had elbow surgery midway through the 2025 season and returned July 29, pitching to a 2.65 ERA out of the bullpen.

Williams is the third pitcher to be designated for assignment this month, joining Zack Littell and Miles Mikolas.

"It was not an easy decision," Butera said. "At the end of the day, I have to trust that the front office is making the decisions that are the best thing for the team now and also long-term when we look towards what this is going to look like next year, two years from now, three years from now."

S. Williams's mixed doubles run ends at U.S. Open

U.S. OPEN FROM **B7**

wore a sleeve on that arm. "I was really, really nervous. I was out for four months. … I almost forget how it feels."

Fans chanted, "Come on, Carlos!" and "Let's go, Serena, let's go!" But the pair was overpowered by Bencic and Cobolli, letting a first-set tiebreaker slip away and getting dominated in the second.

Cobolli acknowledged being tight because Williams and Alcaraz were on the other side. Bencic said Williams tried to intimidate her — by saying she speaks Italian better.

"It was surreal to play against Carlos," Bencic said. "Sometimes I was just standing at the volley or the return, and I was like, 'How did I end up on this court?' I don't really know. Just a huge honor. Obviously you can feel both of their auras."

Svitolina, Monfils move on

Elina Svitolina and Gael Monfils have both gone far but never all the way to the U.S. Open title. Maybe the married couple can finally win a trophy together.

The spouses made quite a pair on the court Tuesday, becoming the first team into the mixed doubles semifinals by edging Katerina Siniakova and Henry Patten, 5-4 (8-6), 4-5 (7-3), 10-8.

Svitolina and Monfils will face Bencic and Cobolli in one semifinal Wednesday, with Mirra Andreeva and Andrey Rublev to meet Karolina Muchova and Jakub Mensik in the other. The winning team will earn $1 million.

That would be quite a payday for Monfils to share with his wife in his final Grand Slam tournament before retiring.

"Happy wife, happy life," Monfils said in their postmatch interview after a kiss and hug on the court.

Andreeva and Rublev saved a match point and outlasted two-time defending champions Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori, 1-4, 4-1 (11-9). The 19-year-old Andreeva revealed afterward that she used to have a crush on her partner and fellow Russian, who is 28.

They then recovered after blowing four match points in the second set to beat Diana Shnaider and Casper Ruud, 4-1, 4-5 (11-9), 10-5.

The U.S. Open tinkered with the format of the tournament this year to allow more doubles specialists back in, but the singles players had the upper hand Tuesday.

Monfils, who will turn 40 on Sept. 1, reached the U.S. Open semifinals in 2016. Svitolina, who is eight years younger, got to the final four in Flushing Meadows in 2019.

Now it's another semifinal — and an unlikely one — after they outlasted a team featuring the top-ranked players in men's and women's doubles.

PHOTOS BY YUKI IWAMURA/AP

"I never expected to be back on this court," Serena Williams said of her return to Flushing Meadows.

Monfils, who is from France, was given a wild card into the singles tournament. He and Svitolina, who is from Ukraine, were given wild cards to compete in mixed. They were married in 2021, and daughter Skaï was born the next year.

Because they were unsure at first whether they would be in the field in New York, Svitolina said they entered with no expectations, having not even worked on their tactics until Monday.

"I mean, we practice quite a lot together back at home or on the tournaments. Only yesterday we worked on few things for doubles," Svitolina said.

"When we warmed up this morning, yeah, I told my coach it would be amazing if we can win just a few games."

Muchova and Mensik reached the semifinals with a 4-1, 5-3 victory over American duo Emma Navarro and Tommy Paul. Mensik texted Muchova on the eve of the tournament so they could coordinate outfits, and both wore pink tops and maroon bottoms.

"It's definitely one of the most important things, to look good on the court, as well," Mensik said.

Siniakova and Patten ousted Aryna Sabalenka and Novak Djokovic, 1-4, 4-2 (10-2), in the first round. Siniakova ended the match with an ace while serving to Djokovic.

Ukraine's Elina Svitolina, left, teamed up with her husband, France's Gael Monfils, to win a marathon quarterfinal match.

The tournament was overhauled last year in an effort to get more top singles players to compete. It was moved to a two-day event well before the singles main draw begins, with a scoring format that guarantees quick matches that shouldn't tax the players too much.

The matches in the first three rounds feature sets to four games, with a tiebreaker at 4-all and a 10-point tiebreaker instead of a third set. Only the final will resemble a regular match, with traditional sets to six games.

"I will say if we play until basically regular rules, until six games, will be much more difficult," Mensik said.

Sabalenka, the two-time defending U.S. Open women's champion, and 24-time Grand Slam champion Djokovic are exactly the types of players the U.S. Tennis Association was seeking. They had the No. 1 seed based on the lowest combined singles ranking of any team, but their loss was far from an upset.

Doubles specialists such as Siniakova and Patten were shut out of the U.S. Open last year, when teams qualified directly based on the two players' singles rankings or were given wild cards by the USTA. Errani and Vavassori, who had won the title in 2024, were the only doubles players in the field after they were given a wild card to return, and they went on to defend their title.

An eight-team qualifying tournament was added this year, giving two teams — composed mostly of regular doubles players — the chance to earn their way into the main draw.

Svitolina and Monfils routed Alex Eala and Felix Auger-Aliassime, 4-1, 4-1, in their opening match. Muchova and Mensik edged Kristina Mladenovic and Marcelo Arevalo, 4-1, 2-4 (10-7), in their opener.

Big Ten and SEC take action against pros

SEC FROM B7

to finish five seasons of eligibility in college, but it did not grandfather in the Class of 2022.

Hundreds of those players saw their fourth — and supposedly final — year of eligibility run out in the spring. They are arguing that they're being denied educational opportunities and the chance to earn name, image and likeness money that they could get in a fifth year.

College rosters are largely set, and incoming freshmen and other new players on teams are now faced with sudden competition from athletes whose eligibility had supposedly run out.

The SEC rule puts LSU on notice. This week, Tigers Coach Lane Kiffin was adding Dae'Quan Wright and Zxavian Harris, a pair of undrafted players out of Mississippi who had tryouts in the NFL over the summer but were released by their teams during training camp.

The rule, which also applies to players signed by the NBA G League, will impact players such as R.J. Luis Jr. On Monday, the former St. John's star won a court ruling that allowed him to sign with Will Wade's basketball program at LSU despite having briefly been under contract with the Jazz and Celtics of the NBA.

Kiffin suggested in a news conference Monday that if the Tigers didn't take these newly eligible players, other teams certainly would. Now, nobody can — at least not among the 34 teams that make up the two biggest leagues in college and play an outsize role in spearheading policy across the industry.

There was no immediate comment from LSU.

"Over 100 athletes in multiple sports were cleared and said you could go play. That's a court order," Kiffin said earlier Tuesday on "The Pat McAfee Show" on ESPN. "If you think back on all the different court orders of great players that were granted — whether that's Diego Pavia or, now, Trinidad [Chambliss] that were allowed to play a sixth year, we followed all court orders. I think you get into a really interesting situation as a conference if you're now saying, 'Well, we're not going to follow this court order.'"

The Big Ten's penalties for violating its rule include a half-season suspension for the head coach and a fine for the school. The SEC did not immediately divulge its penalties, though Commissioner Greg Sankey is expected to have wide latitude in figuring out punishment.

The other Power Four leagues — the ACC and Big 12 — are expected to discuss the issue Wednesday.

"I don't think anybody in our league likes the idea of taking away opportunities from existing college students and graduating high school players, which is exactly what is happening when a school signs a player out of an NFL camp to their team," Wake Forest Athletic Director John Currie wrote in a text message to the Associated Press.

The leagues and NCAA are using the eligibility crisis as a selling point for the Protect College Sports Act, a bill in the Senate that would give the NCAA some protection against the sort of lawsuits that are upending college athletics.

But that bill is weeks away from a vote. Football season starts Saturday, with the featured game taking place in Ireland, where TCU faces North Carolina.

"It's a rudderless ship right now," Horned Frogs Coach Sonny Dykes said. "I mean, I don't know who's in charge of football anymore."

Duke Coach Manny Diaz said the Power Four conferences need to present a unified front.

"You wouldn't run any other type of corporation, organization, anything else, the way we're being run right now," he said. "And so I hope the leagues do step up because somebody has to right now, because when there's a vacuum, this is what you see."

Aaron Beard, Stephen Hawkins and Dan Greenspan contributed to this report.

Take The Post on errands.
wpost.com/podcasts
S0263 1x1.75

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL preseason

THURSDAY, AUG. 6
HALL OF FAME GAME — IN CANTON, OHIO
Carolina 33, Arizona 30

WEEK 1
THURSDAY, AUG. 13
at Cincinnati 16, Detroit 14
at Pittsburgh 28, Green Bay 9
Indianapolis 13, at New England 13
L.A. Chargers 27, at Houston 7
Arizona 27, at Las Vegas 14
Tennessee 19, at San Francisco 13

FRIDAY, AUG.14
at Washington 20, Miami 7
Tampa Bay 24, at N.Y. Jets 16
Denver 27, at Atlanta 7

SATURDAY, AUG. 15
at Baltimore 24, Philadelphia 7
Minnesota 13, at N.Y. Giants 10
at Buffalo 29, Carolina 14
at Chicago 34, Cleveland 10
Jacksonville 24, at New Orleans 20
L.A. Rams 20, at Kansas City 12
Dallas 17, at Seattle 7

WEEK 2
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Las Vegas 22, at Houston 20
San Francisco 41, at L.A. Chargers 17

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Jets 17, at Pittsburgh 0
Carolina 34, at Jacksonville 17
Green Bay at Denver, late

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Detroit 17, Washington 13
Baltimore 13, at Minnesota 3
Buffalo 31, at Cleveland 7
Atlanta 34, at Indianapolis 6
N.Y. Giants 26, at Miami 3
at L.A. Rams 34, New Orleans 0
at Cincinnati 27, Chicago 9
at New England 24, Philadelphia 21
at Tampa Bay 16, Kansas City 15
Dallas 34, at Arizona 13

SUNDAY'S RESULT
at Tennessee 19, Seattle 16

WEEK 3
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7
New England at Cleveland, 8
San Francisco at Las Vegas, 8
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Baltimore, 6
Atlanta at Miami, 7
Houston at Carolina, 7
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7:30
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 8
Seattle at Kansas City, 8
New Orleans at Dallas, 8
Arizona at Green Bay, 8
Minnesota at Denver, 9

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1
Chicago at Tennessee, 6

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

WEEK 0
SATURDAY'S GAMES
North Carolina State at Virginia, 3:30
North Carolina vs. TCU in Dublin, noon
San José State at USC, 3
Jacksonville State at North Dakota State, 5:30
Sacramento State at Eastern Michigan, 6:30
Hawaii at Stanford, 7
New Mexico State at Florida State, 7
Memphis at UNLV, 10

GOLF

PGA Tour

FEDEX CUP LEADERS

Through Monday.

	Points	Money
1. Scottie Scheffler	4,986	$20,937,525
2. Matt Fitzpatrick	3,463	$14,271,067
3. Wyndham Clark	3,292	$14,236,186
4. Cameron Young	3,206	$14,408,482
5. Si Woo Kim	2,729	$9,735,444
6. Chris Gotterup	2,588	$8,738,885
7. Collin Morikawa	2,542	$9,458,378
8. Sam Burns	2,453	$8,896,540
9. Tommy Fleetwood	2,263	$7,054,605
10. Ludvig Åberg	2,198	$7,147,271
11. Rory McIlroy	2,095	$9,866,606
12. Xander Schauffele	2,025	$7,452,725
13. Jacob Bridgeman	1,961	$8,278,365
14. Russell Henley	1,853	$6,446,085
15. Akshay Bhatia	1,842	$7,941,049
16. Hideki Matsuyama	1,637	$5,679,457
17. Ryan Gerard	1,608	$6,299,898
18. Gary Woodland	1,556	$5,266,379
19. Patrick Cantlay	1,529	$6,083,596
20. Kristoffer Reitan	1,523	$6,448,739
21. Min Woo Lee	1,496	$5,763,252
22. J.J. Spaun	1,464	$5,099,908
23. Alex Smalley	1,443	$5,430,908
24. Alex Fitzpatrick	1,434	$4,670,614
25. Robert MacIntyre	1,428	$5,020,888
26. Viktor Hovland	1,425	$6,495,826
27. Justin Rose	1,405	$5,160,356
28. Adam Scott	1,383	$4,461,268
29. Tom Kim	1,378	$4,816,710
30. Ryan Fox	1,368	$5,538,659
31. Kurt Kitayama	1,303	$5,224,658
32. J.T. Poston	1,287	$5,973,029
33. Rickie Fowler	1,281	$4,976,736
34. Bud Cauley	1,276	$4,573,948
35. Nicolai Højgaard	1,228	$4,914,868
36. Alex Noren	1,220	$4,275,215
37. Sungjae Im	1,217	$3,730,077
38. Jake Knapp	1,216	$3,974,296
39. Aaron Rai	1,214	$5,406,602
40. Sepp Straka	1,150	$4,432,187
41. Ben Griffin	1,142	$4,183,407

LPGA Tour

MONEY LEADERS

Through Monday.

	Trn	Money
1. Nelly Korda	13	$6,204,807
2. Haeran Ryu	14	$4,432,201
3. Miyu Yamashita	17	$2,355,420
4. Jeeno Thitikul	15	$2,301,398
5. Ina Yoon	15	$2,129,725
6. Brooke M. Henderson	15	$2,125,937
7. Ruoning Yin	16	$1,893,624
8. Sei Young Kim	15	$1,801,865
9. Hyo Joo Kim	14	$1,794,599
10. Charley Hull	13	$1,776,023
11. Gaby Lopez	13	$1,769,561
12. Hannah Green	13	$1,684,098
13. Jin Hee Im	18	$1,613,528
14. Lottie Woad	17	$1,469,820
15. Esther Henseleit	16	$1,414,797
16. Aki Iwai	21	$1,402,825
17. Patty Tavatanakit	13	$1,331,228
18. Auston Kim	14	$1,252,206
19. Allisen Corpuz	16	$1,168,541
20. Lauren Coughlin	15	$1,138,780
21. Alison Lee	12	$1,129,633
22. Lydia Ko	15	$1,043,697
23. A Lim Kim	16	$989,250
24. Minami Katsu	19	$984,238
25. Nasa Hataoka	15	$956,302
26. Hye-Jin Choi	15	$952,852
27. Dewi Weber	16	$935,458
28. Somi Lee	18	$929,102
29. Celine Boutier	16	$904,389
30. In Gee Chun	12	$900,895
31. Yealimi Noh	17	$899,114
32. Jennifer Kupcho	17	$889,898
33. Yan Liu	19	$883,218
34. Maja Stark	16	$869,549
35. Pajaree Anannarukarn	18	$840,486
36. Mao Saigo	15	$790,150
37. Arpichaya Yubol	15	$739,851
38. Chizzy Iwai	21	$738,964
39. Rio Takeda	17	$732,180
40. Karis Davidson	15	$723,742
41. Amy Yang	14	$695,641

Korn Ferry Tour

MONEY LEADERS

Through Monday.

	Trn	Money
1. Ross Steelman	19	$643,571
2. Doc Redman	20	$521,093
3. Ian Holt	19	$490,122
4. Alistair Docherty	18	$446,786
5. Cole Sherwood	19	$445,033
6. Tommy Morrison	7	$396,483
7. Hunter Eichhorn	21	$379,097
8. Jeremy Gandon	21	$367,581
9. Dylan Menante	21	$363,577
10. Michael Johnson	21	$338,918
11. Taylor Dickson	20	$333,890
12. Blades Brown	15	$321,996
13. Ben Kohles	13	$304,289
14. Davis Shore	21	$303,397
15. Cooper Dossey	20	$279,080
16. Ian Gilligan	20	$279,066
17. Alvaro Ortiz	21	$268,944
18. Davis Lamb	21	$268,928
19. Zack Fischer	16	$268,344
20. Yuta Sugiura	19	$262,200
21. James Nicholas	18	$254,087
22. Caleb VanArragon	20	$245,858
23. Robby Shelton	20	$240,321
24. Cole Hammer	18	$230,953
25. Derek Hitchner	21	$230,005
26. John Pak	20	$229,913
27. Austin Hitt	21	$228,487
28. Carson Young	16	$225,139
29. Ben Carr	17	$222,688
30. Sandy Scott	16	$217,023
31. Mason Andersen	20	$216,486

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Atlanta	25	13	.658	—
y-Indiana	25	14	.641	½
y-New York	23	15	.605	2
xy-Washington	22	15	.595	2½
Chicago	15	24	.385	10½
Toronto	11	26	.297	13½
Connecticut	10	27	.270	14½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Minnesota	31	8	.795	—
y-Golden State	26	11	.703	4
y-Las Vegas	26	13	.667	5
Dallas	23	16	.590	8
Portland	15	23	.395	15½
x-Phoenix	13	24	.351	17
Los Angeles	13	25	.342	17½
Seattle	7	31	.184	23½

x-Late game; y-Clinched playoff spot

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Golden State 80, at Minnesota 66
Atlanta 78, at Los Angeles 71

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington at Phoenix, late
at Connecticut 87, Chicago 81
at Dallas 96, Portland 78

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Golden State at Connecticut, 7
Toronto at Seattle, 10

MYSTICS' NEXT THREE

at Phoenix Mercury

Thursday	10	Prime Video

at Los Angeles Sparks

Friday	10	Ion

vs. Chicago Sky

Sept. 17	8	Monumental

Radio: WTEM (980 AM)

Wings 96, Portland 78

PORTLAND	18	19	15	26	—	78
DALLAS	27	23	21	25	—	96

PORTLAND: Engstler 5-10 1-3 12, Puoch 0-5 0-0 0, DiLeo 5-9 2-2 13, Carleton 5-13 2-3 14, Leite 4-9 1-1 10, Okonkwo 1-6 2-2 5, Buhner 3-7 2-2 10, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0, Oblak 0-5 0-0 0, Samuelson 4-6 4-4 14, Winterburn 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals** 27-72 14-17 78.

DALLAS: Kuier 4-8 2-4 12, Shepard 10-15 1-3 21, Smith 4-4 1-1 10, Bueckers 8-15 3-3 22, Ogunbowale 7-14 0-0 17, Clark 1-3 0-0 3, Siegrist 3-7 2-2 9, Yueru 1-1 0-0 2, Sims 0-1 0-0 0, Sutton 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals** 38-69 9-13 96.

Three-point Goals: Portland 10-36 (Buhner 2-3, Samuelson 2-4, Carleton 2-9, Engstler 1-3, Leite 1-3, Okonkwo 1-4, DiLeo 1-5, Oblak 0-1, Puoch 0-2, Winterburn 0-2), Dallas 11-24 (Bueckers 3-7, Ogunbowale 3-7, Kuier 2-3, Smith 1-1, Clark 1-2, Siegrist 1-3, Sutton 0-1). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Portland 33 (Engstler 15), Dallas 38 (Kuier 12). **Assists:** Portland 20 (Leite 7), Dallas 26 (Bueckers 11). **Total Fouls:** Portland 16, Dallas 16. **A:** 6,251 (7,000)

Sun 87, Sky 81

CHICAGO	8	21	24	28	—	81
CONNECTICUT	16	28	27	16	—	87

CHICAGO: Cloud 1-3 1-2 3, Stevens 8-12 0-0 18, Cardoso 7-12 10-10 24, Taylor 2-11 0-0 4, Vandersloot 3-4 0-0 8, Williams 2-5 2-4 6, Carrington 0-2 0-0 0, Banham 1-5 0-0 3, Coulibaly 1-2 2-2 4, Jaquez 3-8 0-0 6, Sheldon 2-8 0-0 5. **Totals** 30-72 15-18 81.

CONNECTICUT: Burke 6-13 6-7 19, Miller 6-11 5-6 21, Edwards 11-16 4-6 26, Leger-Walker 1-9 2-2 4, Rivers 3-10 0-0 7, Angloma 1-1 2-2 4, Beers 0-2 1-4 1, Jackson 2-4 0-0 5, Kneepkens 0-2 0-0 0, Van Lith 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals** 30-70 20-27 87.

Three-point Goals: Chicago 6-29 (Vandersloot 2-2, Stevens 2-5, Sheldon 1-4, Banham 1-5, Carrington 0-1, Cloud 0-1, Coulibaly 0-1, Jaquez 0-4, Taylor 0-6), Connecticut 7-20 (Miller 4-5, Jackson 1-2, Rivers 1-3, Burke 1-6, Kneepkens 0-1, Leger-Walker 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Chicago 34 (Cardoso 13), Connecticut 37 (Edwards 10). **Assists:** Chicago 23 (Vandersloot 9), Connecticut 21 (Leger-Walker 7). **Total Fouls:** Chicago 18, Connecticut 16. **A:** 8,048 (9,323)

Dream 78, Sparks 71

Late Monday

ATLANTA	20	16	26	16	—	78
LOS ANGELES	15	22	18	16	—	71

ATLANTA: Hillmon 5-8 0-0 12, Howard 7-21 2-2 18, Reese 4-14 3-4 11, A.Gray 7-11 4-5 20, Canada 4-9 1-2 9, Okot 1-2 0-0 2, Borlase 2-8 2-2 6, Paopao 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals** 30-75 12-15 78.

LOS ANGELES: Atkins 3-9 2-2 10, Ogwumike 11-19 5-5 27, Hamby 6-11 3-4 15, Akoa Makani 0-6 2-2 2, Wheeler 1-6 0-0 2, Brink 5-9 4-5 15, C.Gray 0-1 0-0 0, Morgan 0-5 0-0 0, Park 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals** 26-67 16-18 71.

Three-point Goals: Atlanta 6-29 (Hillmon 2-3, A.Gray 2-6, Howard 2-12, Paopao 0-1, Canada 0-3, Borlase 0-4), Los Angeles 3-18 (Atkins 2-5, Brink 1-4, C.Gray 0-1, Morgan 0-1, Ogwumike 0-2, Wheeler 0-2, Akoa Makani 0-3). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Atlanta 48 (Reese 26), Los Angeles 32 (Ogwumike 16). **Assists:** Atlanta 17 (A.Gray 6), Los Angeles 19 (Atkins 6). **Total Fouls:** Atlanta 18, Los Angeles 19. **A:** 10,442 (18,997)

BASEBALL

Little League World Series

IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA.
UNITED STATES
GREAT LAKES REGION, Hamilton, Ohio; METRO REGION, Bayonne, N.J.; MID-ATLANTIC REGION, West Chester, Pa.; MIDWEST REGION, Davenport, Iowa; MOUNTAIN REGION, Henderson, Nev.; NEW ENGLAND REGION, Bridgewater, Mass.; NORTHWEST REGION, Tacoma, Wash.; SOUTHEAST REGION, Phenix City, Ala.; SOUTHWEST REGION, Boerne, Texas; WEST REGION, Bonita, Calif.

INTERNATIONAL
ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, Seoul, South Korea; AUSTRALIA REGION, Sydney, New South Wales; CANADA REGION, Vancouver, British Columbia; CARIBBEAN REGION, Santiago, Dominican Republic; CURAÇAO REGION, Pariba, Curaçao; EUROPE-AFRICA REGION, Brno, Czech Republic; JAPAN REGION, Tokyo, Japan; LATIN AMERICA REGION, Leon, Nicaragua; MEXICO REGION, Tijuana, Baja California; PANAMA REGION, Chiriquí, Panama

DOUBLE ELIMINATION
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: Nicaragua 2, Dominican Republic 1
Game 2: Washington 2, Alabama 0
Game 3: South Korea 7, Canada 0
Game 4: New Jersey 2, Massachusetts 1

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Game 5: Mexico 7, Australia 1
Game 6: Nevada 6, Ohio 5
Game 7: Curaçao 6, Japan 0
Game 8: Iowa 1, California 0
Game 9: Nicaragua 6, Panama 4
Game 10: Washington 4, Texas 3
Game 11: South Korea 5, Czech Republic 0
Game 12: New Jersey 3, Pennsylvania 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Game 13: Canada 4, Australia 0
Game 14: Ohio 10, Massachusetts 0 (4)
Game 15: Japan 10, Dominican Republic 1
Game 16: Alabama 12, California 2 (4)

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Game 17: Nevada 5, Washington 0
Game 18: Nicaragua 8, Mexico 4
Game 19: Iowa 6, New Jersey 0
Game 20: Curaçao 1, South Korea 0

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Game 21: Canada 3, Panama 2 (7)
Game 22: Ohio 6, Texas 1
Game 23: Japan 3, Czech Republic 2
Game 24: Alabama 6, Pennsylvania 5(7)

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Game 25: Japan 3, Mexico 1
Game 26: Alabama 4, Washington 2
Game 27: Canada 5, South Korea 1
Game 28: Ohio 5, New Jersey 2

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Game 29: Nicaragua vs. Curaçao, 1
Game 30: Nevada vs. Iowa, 3
Game 31: Japan vs. Canada, 5
Game 32: Alabama vs. Ohio, 7

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Game 33: Game 29 loser vs. Game 31 winner, 3
Game 34: Game 30 loser vs. Game 32 winner, 7

SATURDAY'S GAMES
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 12:30

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 3:30

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
THIRD PLACE
Teams TBD, 10 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 3

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	15	2	4	49	43	17
Inter Miami CF	11	4	6	39	49	40
Chicago	11	6	3	36	37	26
New England	10	7	4	34	33	26
Charlotte FC	9	7	5	32	38	32
Cincinnati	8	6	7	31	49	47
New York City FC	7	8	6	27	35	30
New York	7	9	5	26	31	43
Orlando City	7	11	3	24	34	51
Toronto FC	5	7	9	24	31	37
D.C. United	5	7	9	24	28	36
Atlanta	6	12	3	21	25	36
Philadelphia	5	10	6	21	31	38
CF Montreal	5	10	6	21	29	39
Columbus	5	11	5	20	30	36

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	12	4	4	40	45	18
Houston	12	7	2	38	30	26
Los Angeles FC	10	7	5	35	36	22
San Jose	10	8	3	33	39	33
FC Dallas	9	6	6	33	38	34
St. Louis City SC	9	6	6	33	30	27
Colorado	9	11	1	28	30	28
Real Salt Lake	8	8	4	28	34	32
Portland	8	9	4	28	38	37
Minnesota United	7	7	7	28	27	29
San Diego FC	7	8	6	27	37	32
LA Galaxy	6	8	8	26	27	32
Seattle	7	9	4	25	22	27
Austin FC	5	10	6	21	26	40
Sporting KC	4	14	3	15	20	51

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at New England 3, D.C. United 0
Cincinnati 2, at New York City FC 1
at CF Montreal 2, Columbus 1
at Nashville 1, New York 0
at Chicago 2, Orlando City 1
at Miami 2, Philadelphia 2
at Charlotte FC 3, Toronto FC 3
at St. Louis City SC 1, Sporting KC 1
at Atlanta 2, Minnesota 1
Colorado 1, at Los Angeles FC 0
at FC Dallas 4, Real Salt Lake 3
at Austin FC 2, Seattle 1
LA Galaxy 1, at San Jose 0
Portland 3, at San Diego FC 1
at Houston 1, Vancouver 0

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Charlotte FC 3, D.C. United 1
Seattle 1, at Cincinnati 1
Toronto FC 2, at Miami 1
LA Galaxy 2, at CF Montreal 2
Chicago 1, at New York 1
Orlando City 2, at Real Salt Lake 1
at Nashville 3, Columbus 2
at St. Louis City SC 2, Houston 1
Philadelphia 1, at Austin FC 1
at Vancouver 5, FC Dallas 0
Portland 1, at Los Angeles FC 1
at San Diego FC 3, Colorado 0
Minnesota 5, at San Jose 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New York City FC 1, at New England 1
at Atlanta 2, Sporting KC 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Los Angeles FC at D.C. United, 7:30
Chicago at Seattle, 4:30
Charlotte FC at Atlanta, 7:30
New England at Columbus, 7:30
CF Montreal at Miami, 7:30
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30
New York City FC at Toronto FC, 7:30
San Jose at Houston, 8:30
Vancouver at Sporting KC, 8:30
Orlando City at Minnesota, 8:30
Cincinnati at Nashville, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 9:30
Austin FC at Portland, 10:30
LA Galaxy at San Diego FC, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCH
FC Dallas at St. Louis City SC, 7

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	13	3	5	44	26	13
Washington	11	6	4	37	30	19
Portland	11	6	4	37	35	29
Utah	11	7	3	36	37	27
San Diego	11	7	3	36	29	23
North Carolina	10	7	3	33	36	30
Kansas City	9	8	4	31	32	29
Seattle	8	8	4	28	25	26
Angel City	7	7	5	26	27	20
Houston	7	9	5	26	28	29
Orlando	8	11	2	26	25	31
Denver	6	8	6	24	25	26
Louisville	7	12	2	23	32	40
Bay FC	6	10	4	22	21	27
Boston	5	11	5	20	24	34
Chicago	5	15	1	16	12	41

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
at Louisville 2, Seattle 1
at Houston 5, Chicago 0

FRIDAY'S RESULT
at San Diego 4, Utah 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 1, at Kansas City 1
at North Carolina 2, Boston 1
at Portland 1, Denver 0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Orlando 1, at Washington 0
at Chicago 3, Louisville 2
at Bay FC 1, Houston 0
Gotham FC 0, at Angel City 0

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Angel City at North Carolina, 8

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Portland at Gotham FC, 8
Louisville at San Diego, 10

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
North Carolina at Kansas City, 6:30
Utah at Orlando, 7
Chicago at Denver Summit FC, 8:45

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Bay FC at Washington, 12:30
Houston at Seattle, 7

USL Championship

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	13	3	5	44	38	20
Charleston	11	7	3	36	44	27
Detroit City FC	10	5	5	35	27	17
Pittsburgh	10	8	3	33	24	21
Louisville	9	8	4	31	37	36
Indy	8	7	4	28	23	22
Rhode Island FC	8	7	4	28	30	22
Hartford	5	5	9	24	15	18
Miami	5	10	7	22	25	39
Loudoun	3	6	11	20	21	30
Birmingham	3	8	8	17	22	27
Brooklyn FC	3	12	4	13	18	35
Sporting Jax	2	14	5	11	26	54

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	10	4	4	34	26	17
Orange County	9	5	7	34	32	30
El Paso	10	7	4	34	33	27
Tulsa	9	6	5	32	25	19
San Antonio	8	5	8	32	26	25
Sacramento	8	5	7	31	27	18
Lexington SC	9	7	4	31	30	23
Las Vegas	8	8	5	29	28	30
Colorado Springs	8	9	4	28	32	32
Oakland	6	8	8	26	27	30
Phoenix	6	7	8	26	29	29
Monterey Bay FC	4	14	4	16	23	40

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New Mexico 0, at Loudoun 0
Pittsburgh 1, at Brooklyn FC 0
at Detroit City FC 1, Tampa Bay 0
at Indy 2, Louisville 1
at Lexington SC 2, Las Vegas 0
at Rhode Island FC 3, Monterey Bay FC 1
Sporting Jax 3, at Birmingham 2
Oakland 1, at San Antonio 0
Tulsa 5, at Orange County 1
Phoenix 2, at Sacramento 2
El Paso 1, at Colorado 0

MONDAY'S RESULT
at Charleston 5, Miami 0

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Pittsburgh at El Paso, 9
Lexington SC at New Mexico, 9:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 5
Sporting Jax at Brooklyn FC, 7
Birmingham at Hartford, 7
Detroit City FC at Louisville, 8
Orange County at Oakland, 8
Rhode Island FC at Tulsa, 8:30
Loudoun at El Paso, 9
San Antonio at New Mexico, 9:30
Sacramento at Monterey Bay FC, 10
Charleston at Las Vegas, 10:30
Indy at Phoenix, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Colorado at Lexington SC, 7

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2
Hartford at Charleston, 7

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4
Colorado at Loudoun, 7

English Premier League

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brighton	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hull	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Chelsea	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Man City	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Newcastle	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Fulham	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Bournemouth	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Nottingham Forest	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Man United	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Coventry	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Tottenham	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

FRIDAY'S RESULT
at Arsenal 3, Coventry 0

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Hull 2, Man United 0
at Everton 2, Crystal Palace 0
at Ipswich 2, Sunderland 1
Leeds 1, at Nottingham Forest 0
at Brentford 3, Tottenham 0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Brighton 4, Aston Villa 0
at Man City 2, Bournemouth 1
at Newcastle 2, Liverpool 2

MONDAY'S RESULT
Chelsea 3, at Fulham 2

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Crystal Palace vs. Man City, 3

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Liverpool vs. Nottingham Forest, 7:30 a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Everton, 10 a.m.
Coventry vs. Hull, 10 a.m.
Tottenham vs. Newcastle, 12:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chelsea vs. Brighton, 9 a.m.
Leeds vs. Brentford, 9 a.m.
Sunderland vs. Fulham, 9 a.m.
Man United vs. Ipswich, 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Aston Villa vs. Arsenal, 3

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4
Ipswich vs. Liverpool, 3

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5
Newcastle vs. Bournemouth, 7:30 a.m.
Brentford vs. Sunderland, 10 a.m.
Brighton vs. Leeds, 10 a.m.
Fulham vs. Crystal Palace, 10 a.m.
Man City vs. Coventry, 10 a.m.
Nottingham Forest vs. Tottenham, 10 a.m.
Hull vs. Aston Villa, 12:30

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS

Through Sunday.

1. Denny Hamlin, 1001.
2. Ryan Blaney, 924.
3. Ty Gibbs, 880.
4. Tyler Reddick, 860.
5. Christopher Bell, 738.
6. Chase Briscoe, 727.
7. Kyle Larson, 708.
8. Chase Elliott, 707.
9. Joey Logano, 682.
10. Chris Buescher, 676.
11. Carson Hocevar, 672.
12. William Byron, 644.
13. Daniel Suárez, 638.
14. Bubba Wallace, 630.
15. Austin Cindric, 599.
16. Shane Van Gisbergen, 586.
17. Ryan Preece, 555.
18. Brad Keselowski, 520.
19. Ross Chastain, 505.
20. Erik Jones, 490.
21. Michael McDowell, 484.
22. AJ Allmendinger, 456.
23. Todd Gilliland, 444.
24. Zane Smith, 442.
25. Austin Dillon, 405.
26. Riley Herbst, 402.
27. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 398.
28. John H. Nemechek, 394.
29. Josh Berry, 386.
30. Alex Bowman, 362.
31. Noah Gragson, 334.
32. Cole Custer, 302.
33. Ty Dillon, 294.
34. Connor Zilisch, 259.
35. Cody Ware, 199.
36. Casey Mears, 12.
37. Kevin Magnussen, 11.
38. Jimmie Johnson, 9.
39. Katherine Legge, 8.
40. BJ McLeod, 4.

NASCAR O'Reilly Series

POINTS LEADERS

Through Sunday.

1. Justin Allgaier, 1048 (6).
2. Carson Kvapil, 810 (2).
3. Sheldon Creed, 782 (1).
4. Jesse Love, 749 (0).
5. Corey Day, 727 (2).
6. Brandon Jones, 718 (1).
7. Austin Hill, 716 (2).
8. Sammy Smith, 692 (0).
9. Parker Retzlaff, 643 (0).
10. Sam Mayer, 616 (0).
11. William Sawalich, 598 (1).
12. Brent Crews, 598 (0).
13. Taylor Gray, 597 (1).
14. Rajah Caruth, 583 (0).
15. Ryan Sieg, 514 (0).
16. Anthony Alfredo, 464 (0).
17. Brennan Poole, 421 (0).
18. Dean Thompson, 418 (0).
19. Jeremy Clements, 380 (0).
20. Harrison Burton, 366 (0).
21. Jeb Burton, 348 (0).
22. Blaine Perkins, 333 (0).
23. Patrick Staropoli, 329 (0).
24. Josh Bilicki, 279 (0).
25. Kyle Sieg, 270 (0).
26. Austin Green, 262 (0).
27. Lavar Scott, 255 (0).
28. Ryan Ellis, 235 (0).
29. Nicholas Sanchez, 186 (0).
30. Garrett Smithley, 163 (0).
31. Joey Gase, 147 (0).
32. Josh Williams, 129 (0).
33. Mason Maggio, 105 (0).
34. Alex Labbe, 93 (0).
35. JJ Yeley, 81 (0).
36. Nathan Byrd, 79 (0).
37. Andrew Patterson, 72 (0).
38. Preston Pardus, 52 (0).
39. Dawson Cram, 52 (0).
40. Myatt Snider, 49 (0).
41. Jordan Anderson, 43 (0).
42. Will Rodgers, 41 (0).
43. Brad Perez, 36 (0).
44. David Starr, 33 (0).
45. Lee Pulliam, 32 (0).
46. Luke Fenhaus, 31 (0).
47. Carson Ware, 30 (0).
48. Blake Lothian, 30 (0).
49. Glen Reen, 29 (0).
50. Carson Brown, 22 (0).
51. Logan Bearden, 19 (0).
52. Jesse Iwuji, 12 (0).
53. Gray Gaulding, 9 (0).
54. Alex Guenette, 9 (0).
55. Tyler Tomassi, 9 (0).
56. Dexter Bean, 7 (0).
57. CJ McLaughlin, 7 (0).
58. Jake Finch, 7 (0).
59. Cleetus McFarland, 7 (0).

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

Boston Red Sox: Sent LF Roman Anthony on a rehab assignment to Worcester (IL).
New York Yankees: Selected the contract of RHP Justin Topa from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Transferred DH Giancarlo Stanton from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.
Miami Marlins: Recalled LHP Dax Fulton from Jacksonville (IL). Placed RHP Pete Fairbanks on the 15-day IL.

NFL

Washington Commanders: Signed OLB Boogie Basham and Ss Joshuah Bledsoe and Quindell Johnson. Released Ss Will Harris and Malik Spencer. Placed OLB Drake Jackson on injured reserve.
Arizona Cardinals: Signed S Josh Minkins and P Jack Browning.
Chicago Bears: Reinstated LBs Keyshaun Elliott and Elijah Hicks from the active/PUP list. Signed LB Antonio Grier. Placed LB Nephi Sewell on injured reserve.
Detroit Lions: Signed OL Gus Hartwig.
Minnesota Vikings: Signed CB Tre Hawkins III. Waived/injured CB Dwight McGlothern Jr.
New England Patriots: Acquired S Jaylen Reed and a 2028 seventh-round draft pick from Houston in exchange for WR Kayshon Boutte.
Pittsburgh Steelers: Signed DB Brandon Hill. Released WR Joaquin Davis.
Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Signed WR Matthew Henry. Placed DL Deshawn McKnight on injured reserve.
Tennessee Titans: Signed LB Dyontae Johnson. Waived/injured LB Dominique Hampton.

MLS

Los Angeles Fc: Acquired M Sergio Vásquez from Orense SC on a permanent transfer through the 2029-30 season.

TENNIS

U.S. Open

At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center;
In New York
Purse: $5,438,400
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES — QUALIFICATION
Michael Antonius, United States, def. Henry Searle, Britain, 6-1, 6-2; Timofey Skatov, Kazakhstan, def. Gilles Arnaud Bailly, Belgium, 6-4, 6-2; Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Sebastian Ofner (16), Austria, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2; Shintaro Mochizuki (6), Japan, def. Daniel Milavsky, United States, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; Braden Shick, United States, def. Clement Tabur, France, 6-4, 7-5; David Jorda Sanchis, Spain, def. Henri Squire, Germany, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (7-2); Dusan Lajovic (30), Serbia, def. Kwon Soon Woo, South Korea, 4-6, 7-5, 3-1, ret; Grigor Dimitrov (25), Bulgaria, def. Lorenzo Giustino, Italy, 6-0, 6-3; Luka Mikrut, Croatia, def. Nikolas Sanchez Izquierdo, Spain, 6-3, 6-4; Lloyd Harris, South Africa, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; Vitaliy Sachko, Ukraine, def. Gauthier Onclin, Belgium, 7-5, 7-5; Clement Chidekh, France, def. Federico Coria, Argentina, 6-2, 6-2; Pablo Llamas Ruiz (18), Spain, def. Alex Bolt, Australia, 7-6 (7-3), 7-5; Arthur Gea (1), France, def. Sumit Nagal, India, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); Nishesh Basavareddy (32), United States, def. Moise Kouame, France, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-3; Henrique Rocha (15), Portugal, def. Michael Mmoh, United States, 7-5, 6-4; Zsombor Piros (12), Hungary, def. Max Alcala Gurri, Spain, 6-2, 6-1; Hugo Gaston (3), France, def. Guido Ivan Justo, Argentina, 7-5, 6-3; Daniil Glinka, Estonia, def. Pedro Martinez, Spain, 6-3, 6-2; Christopher O'Connell (17), Australia, def. Stefanos Sakellaridis, Greece, 6-3, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — QUALIFICATION
Kristina Penickova, United States, def. Elizabeth Mandlik, United States, 7-5, 6-2; Moyuka Uchijima (2), Japan, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-3; Lucie Havlickova, Czech Republic, def. Elizara Yaneva, Bulgaria, 6-2, 7-5; Guiomar Maristany Zuleta de Reales, Spain, def. Jodie Burrage, Britain, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4; Nao Hibino, Japan, def. Janae Preston, United States, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; Tamara Zidansek, Slovenia, def. Laura Samson (10), Czech Republic, 6-7 (7-5), 6-4, 7-5; Harriet Dart (29), Britain, def. Jordyn Hazelitt, United States, 6-0, 6-7 (7-1), 6-1; Viktoria Hruncakova, Slovakia, def. Julia Riera, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4; Susan Bandecchi, Switzerland, def. Alina Charaeva (5), Russia, 6-4, 6-4; Suzan Lamens, the Netherlands, def. Emerson Jones (18), Australia, 7-5, 6-7 (9-7), 6-2; Arantxa Rus, the Netherlands, def. Teodora Kostovic, Serbia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; Anna Siskova, Czech Republic, def. Noma Noha Akugue (27), Germany, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5; Lola Radivojevic, Serbia, def. Kajsa Rinaldo Persson, Sweden, 6-4, 6-3; Martyna Kubka, Poland, def. Annika Penickova, United States, 6-7 (7-5), 6-4, 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES — THIRD ROUND
Gael Monfils, France, and Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, def. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, and Alexandra Eala, Philippines, 4-1, 4-1; Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, and Henry Patten, Britain, def. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, and Aryna Sabalenka (1), Belarus, 1-4, 4-2, 10-2; Karolina Muchova and Jakub Mensik, Czech Republic, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Marcelo Arevalo, El Salvador, 4-1, 2-4, 10-7; Tommy Paul and Emma Navarro, United States, def. Amanda Anisimova and Learner Tien (3), United States, 5-3, 4-2; Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, and Flavio Cobolli (4), Italy, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, and Alexander Zverev, Germany, 4-2, 4-2; Andrey Rublev and Mirra Andreeva, Russia, def. Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori, Italy, 1-4, 4-1, 11-9; Serena Williams, United States, and Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, def. Lloyd Glasspool, Britain, and Erin Routliffe, New Zealand, 5-3, 4-1; Casper Ruud, Norway, and Diana Shnaider, Russia, def. Jessica Pegula and Taylor Fritz (2), United States, 4-2, 4-1.

MIXED DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Gael Monfils, France, and Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, and Henry Patten, Britain, 5-4 (8-6), 4-5 (7-3), 10-8; Karolina Muchova and Jakub Mensik, Czech Republic, def. Tommy Paul and Emma Navarro, United States, 4-1, 5-3.

ATP

WINSTON-SALEM OPEN
At Wake Forest University; In Winston-Salem, N.C.
Purse: $818,240
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Botic Van de Zandschulp (13), the Netherlands, def. Adolfo Daniel Vallejo, Paraguay, 6-2, 6-0; Ignacio Buse (3), Peru, def. Adam Walton, Australia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; Benjamin Bonzi, France, def. Quentin Halys (12), France, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3; Luciano Darderi (2), Italy, def. Mattia Bellucci, Italy, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; Aleksandar Kovacevic, United States, def. Luca Van Assche (11), France, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6); Juan Manuel Cerundolo (8), Argentina, def. Dhakshineswar Suresh, India, 7-6 (12-10), 6-3; Arthur Fery (4), Britain, def. Cruz Hewitt, Australia, 6-1, 7-5; James Duckworth, Australia, def. Mariano Navone (6), Argentina, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5); Rinky Hijikata, Australia, def. Raphael Collignon (5), Belgium, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (5); Martin Damm Jr, United States, def. Daniil Medvedev (1), Russia, 7-5, 6-3; Mees Rottgering, Netherlands, def. Tomas Machac (14), Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (1).

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Andre Goransson, Sweden, and Robert Galloway, United States, def. Marcelo Melo, Brazil, and John-Patrick Smith, Australia, 6-4, 6-7 (9-7), 10-7; Manuel Guinard and Theo Arribage (1), France, def. Alexander Erler, Austria, and Robert Cash, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 10-8.

ATP

SINGLES RANKINGS

Through Monday.

1. Jannik Sinner, Italy, 12800
2. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 7790
3. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain, 7160
4. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 4640
5. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 3770
6. Flavio Cobolli, Italy, 3720
7. Alex de Minaur, Australia, 3650
8. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 3580
9. Ben Shelton, USA, 3480
10. Taylor Fritz, USA, 3475
11. Arthur Fils, France, 3140
12. Frances Tiafoe, USA, 2680
13. Rafael Jodar, Spain, 2671
14. Lorenzo Musetti, Italy, 2605
15. Learner Tien, USA, 2565
16. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 2525
17. Brandon Nakashima, USA, 2485
18. Jakub Mensik, Czech Republic, 2445
19. Jiri Lehecka, Czech Republic, 2420
20. Casper Ruud, Norway, 2385
21. Tommy Paul, USA, 2225
22. Luciano Darderi, Italy, 2175
23. Valentin Vacherot, Monaco, 2168
24. Andrey Rublev, Russia, 2080
25. Francisco Cerundolo, Argentina, 1980
26. Joao Fonseca, Brazil, 1800
27. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Spain, 1730
28. Alejandro Tabilo, Chile, 1688
29. Arthur Rinderknech, France, 1683
30. Ugo Humbert, France, 1545
31. Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Argentina, 1440
32. Alexander Blockx, Belgium, 1396
33. Cameron Norrie, Great Britain, 1365
34. Matteo Arnaldi, Italy, 1349
35. Zizou Bergs, Belgium, 1345
36. Ignacio Buse, Peru, 1310
37. Arthur Fery, Great Britain, 1253
38. Raphael Collignon, Belgium, 1207
39. Daniel Merida, Spain, 1157
40. Luca Van Assche, France, 1140

WTA

MONTERREY OPEN
At Club Sonoma; in Monterrey, Mexico
Purse: $1,206,446
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Cristina Bucsa (8), Spain, def. Anna Bondar, Hungary, 6-4, 6-3; Maria Timofeeva, Russia, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-1, 6-3; Darja Vidmanova, Czech Republic, def. Kimberly Birrell, Australia, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.

DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Maja Chwalinska, Poland, and Sinja Kraus, Austria, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, and Magali Kempen, Belgium, 1-6, 6-3, 10-8.

WTA

SINGLES RANKINGS

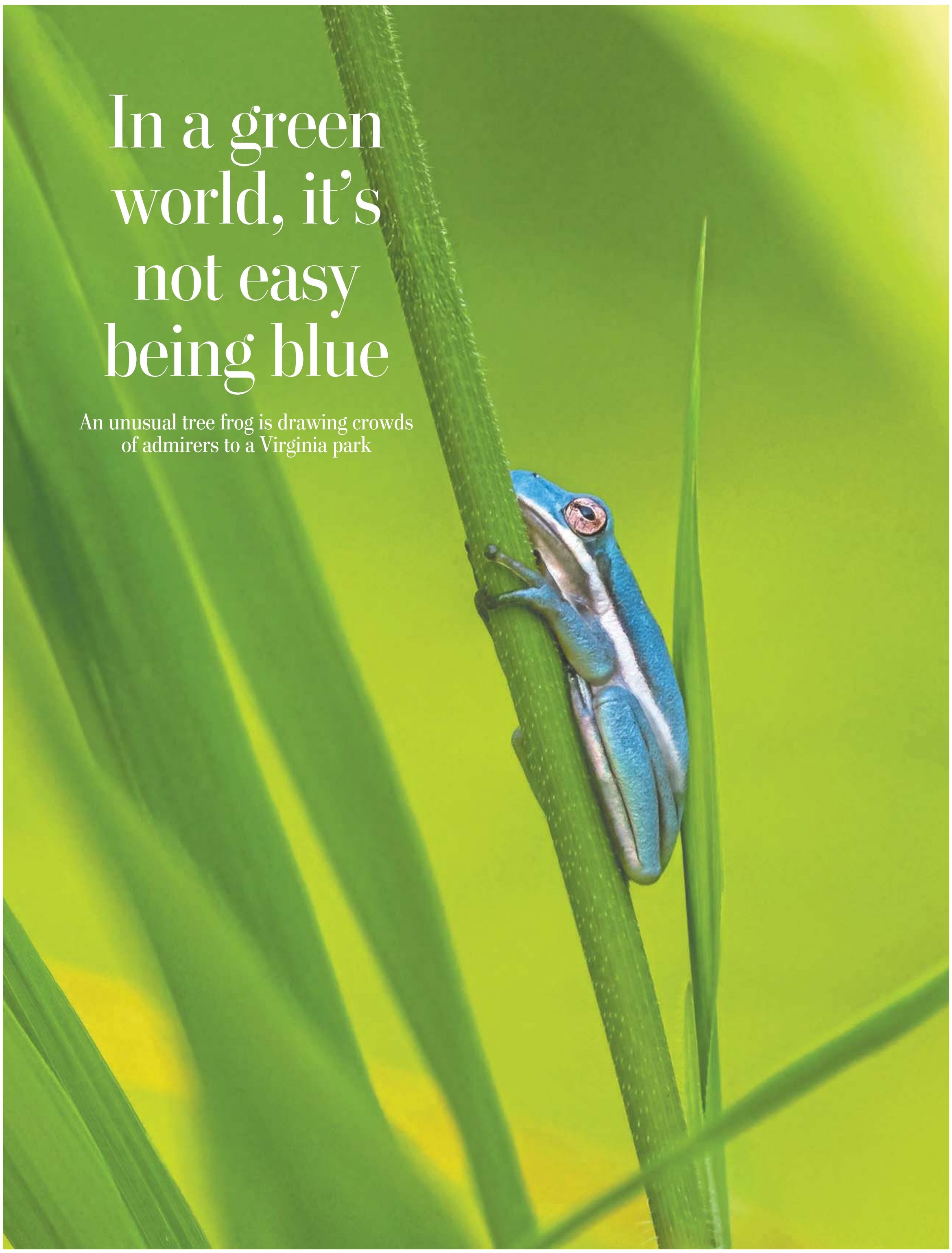
Through Monday.

1. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, 8575
2. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 8141
3. Jessica Pegula, USA, 7265
4. Coco Gauff, USA, 6704
5. Mirra Andreeva, Russia, 5443
6. Linda Noskova, Czech Republic, 5028
7. Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, 4983
8. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 4809
9. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 4689
10. Amanda Anisimova, USA, 4533
11. Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, 3980
12. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 2995
13. Naomi Osaka, Japan, 2846
14. Iva Jovic, USA, 2671
15. Victoria Mboko, Canada, 2531
16. Diana Shnaider, Russia, 2468
17. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 2294
18. Alexandra Eala, Philippines, 2281
19. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 2186
20. Jasmine Paolini, Italy, 2123
21. Maja Chwalinska, Poland, 2037
22. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 1933
23. Madison Keys, USA, 1909
24. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 1870
25. Anastasia Potapova, Russia, 1756
26. Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, 1753
27. Emma Navarro, USA, 1724
28. Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic, 1666
29. Sara Bejlek, Czech Republic, 1652
30. Ann Li, USA, 1518
31. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 1512
32. Leylah Fernandez, Canada, 1454
33. Maria Sakkari, Greece, 1415
34. Hailey Baptiste, USA, 1300
35. Janice Tjen, Indonesia, 1293
36. Donna Vekic, Croatia, 1278
37. Magdalena Frech, Poland, 1240
38. Nikola Bartunkova, Czech Republic, 1237
39. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 1234
40. Cristina Bucsa, Spain, 1224

The Washington Post
METRO
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

In a green world, it's not easy being blue

An unusual tree frog is drawing crowds of admirers to a Virginia park



MAR ACEVEDO

Contrary to appearances, a green tree frog at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria. A condition called axanthism can result in blue pigmentation.

BY **DANA HEDGPETH**

Just after sunrise on a recent hot morning, Mar Acevedo waited on a trail overlooking the grassy marshes of Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria.

The retired public high school teacher had first seen the green tree frog with rare blue coloration about a week earlier. He had found it in a roughly five-foot patch of the sprawling park near Telegraph Road and wanted to see it again.

So he waited and waited.

More than four hours later, he got his wish.

"There it is," he whispered to himself as he quickly snapped photos of the blue tree frog perched on a thick blade of grass.

Green tree frogs are commonly found in marshy areas across the Mid-Atlantic, as well as the central and southeastern United States. But seeing one that is blue is rare, experts said, and finding one that appears entirely blue is rarer still.

Over the past few weeks, the tiny creature has drawn dozens of naturalists, wildlife enthusiasts and hobbyist photographers to Huntley Meadows, where visitors have tried to catch a glimpse of a frog that has become a local attraction and generated a flurry of social media attention.

"They know it's strange. They know it's something special," Acevedo, who lives in Springfield, Virginia, said of the chatter around the blue tree frog. "It's not an everyday thing. It's like a one-in-a-million chance to see a frog that has this rare coloring."

The blue frog is an American green tree frog, known scientifically as *Dryophytes cinereus*. The species typically ranges in color from dark olive green and brown to chartreuse — and like other amphibians, the frogs can alter the brightness or darkness of their skin in response to environmental conditions.

But some green tree frogs have a condition known as axanthism, in which yellow pigmentation is reduced or absent, causing them to appear blue.

Axanthism has not been widely documented in wild populations of green tree frogs, and scientists do not know exactly what causes it. Diet, environmental conditions or genetic mutations could play a role, experts said.

Seeing an all-blue green tree frog is a bit like spotting an albino squirrel, said Rayna Bell, curator of herpetology at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.

SEE **BLUE FROG** ON **B15**

Pirro accused of ethics breach

FACES WATCHDOG'S BAR COMPLAINT

Had sought indictments against Trump targets

BY **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**
Associated Press

A legal watchdog says it filed bar complaints on Tuesday accusing U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro and two lieutenants of violating their ethical duties in seeking to charge six Democratic lawmakers with federal crimes for appearing in a video that called on troops to resist unlawful orders.

The Legal Accountability Center's bar complaints, filed in New York and Virginia, claim Pirro and her subordinates, Carlton Davis and Steven Vandervelden, abused their prosecutorial powers to seek "meritless" indictments against President Donald Trump's "perceived political enemies."

A spokesperson for Pirro's Washington-based office didn't immediately comment on the allegations.

In February, a D.C. grand jury refused to indict Democratic Sens. Mark Kelly (Arizona) and Elissa Slotkin (Michigan), and four House Democrats, for urging U.S. service members to follow established military protocols and reject orders they believe to be unlawful. All six lawmakers previously served in the military or at intelligence agencies. Trump accused them of sedition "punishable by DEATH" in a social media post.

A grand jury's refusal to hand up an indictment is extraordinarily rare, but it has become increasingly common in Washington during Trump's second term. Pirro's critics have accused her of pursuing other legally dubious and politically motivated

SEE **PIRRO** ON **B14**

TODAY'S WEATHER

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
71°	82°	87°	81°

High today at approx. 3 p.m.: **87°**
Precip: **0%** Wind: **S 6-12 mph**

For weather news, go to **B18**

THE DISTRICT

The FBI asked for a new headquarters in 2009. It still doesn't have one. **B14**

MARYLAND

Partnership between sheriff's office, TV host raises legal concerns. **B15**

OBITUARIES

Shelley Fabares, who acted opposite Newman, Sinatra, Elvis, was 82. **B17**

United expands global routes from Dulles hub, other airports

BY **LIAM SCOTT**

New destinations in France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Slovenia, Japan

United Airlines on Tuesday announced its largest expansion of international routes, launching services to several new cities in Europe and Asia.

From Washington's Dulles International Airport, the airline will fly to Toulouse, France, and Milan.

"United connects the D.C. region to the world, and these new European destinations give Washingtonians even more places to explore nonstop from Dulles," Henry Bird, managing director of United's Dulles hub, said in a statement.

United said it plans to use the airline's newest international plane — the Airbus A321XLR — to support its European expansion, with Dulles serving as the airline's first hub to fly the aircraft internationally.

The expansion comes as Dulles prepares for a major renovation backed by President Donald Trump.

Meanwhile, from San Francisco, United will begin offering flights to Okinawa, Japan.

And from Newark, United will offer direct flights to Luxembourg; Ljubljana, Slovenia; Olbia, Sardinia; Catania, Sicily; Ibiza and Valencia in Spain; Marseille, France; and Terceira island in the Azores.

The airline will also offer new flights from Los Angeles to Osaka, Japan, and from Denver to Paris.

The new routes will begin operating in 2027.

Catch up quickly every weekday morning with a rundown of the 7 most important and interesting stories. Sign up for The 7 newsletter: wapo.st/the7

KYLIE COOPER/REUTERS

The sun sets behind a taxiing United Airlines plane at Washington Dulles International Airport.

Lawmakers called on troops to resist unlawful orders

PIRRO FROM **B13**

cases at the Republican president's behest, such as the recently abandoned felony charge against a former Olympian who was accused of defacing the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

The center has filed complaints against other Trump administration officials, including Ed Martin, Pirro's predecessor as U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia. Martin has been a leading figure in Trump's campaign to use the Justice Department to prosecute his political opponents.

In its complaint against Pirro, the center asks bar officials to investigate whether she and her colleagues violated rules of professional conduct for attorneys — and to "pursue appropriate discipline" against them. Its complaint against Pirro says there was no legal basis for her office's "patently improper effort" to secure an indictment against the six lawmakers.

"The only purpose could have been political animus and a desire to intimidate perceived enemies of the federal government and the President, who personally criticized the lawmakers' video as seditious and punishable by death," the complaint says.

> *"Prosecutors have enormous power, and with that power comes an obligation to exercise independent legal judgment."*
>
> **Michael Teter,** co-founder of the Legal Accountability Center

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has tried to punish Kelly, a former Navy pilot, for participating in the video. Kelly sued in federal court to block the censure from Hegseth. A district court judge ruled in his favor. Hegseth has asked an appeals court to review the decision.

The center filed its complaint against Pirro and Vandervelden with a grievance committee based in White Plains, New York. In New York, the State Supreme Court's appellate division governs ethical complaints against attorneys. The center filed its complaint against Davis with the Virginia State Bar.

"Prosecutors have enormous power, and with that power comes an obligation to exercise independent legal judgment rather than use the criminal justice system to carry out a president's political demands," the center's co-founder, Michael Teter, said in a statement.

Pirro, who served as a county prosecutor and judge in New York, left her Fox News hosting job to become the top federal prosecutor for Washington last year.

ALEX BRANDON/AP

Pirro faces a bar complaint for allegedly wielding the power of her office at the behest of the president.

THE DISTRICT

Taxpayers are picking up the bill for 15 years of FBI headquarters delays

BY **MENNATALLA IBRAHIM**
Baltimore Sun

Fifteen years after the federal government set out to replace the FBI's aging Washington headquarters, taxpayers are still paying to maintain the deteriorating building as construction costs rise and work on a relocation site has yet to begin.

Federal officials warned Congress years ago that delays would come with a price.

In 2018, the General Services Administration (GSA), which oversees federal land development projects, estimated that each additional year of inaction would add about $84 million in short-term repairs and escalating construction costs. Eight years later, the FBI remains in the J. Edgar Hoover Building.

Why it has taken so long depends on whom you ask. Maryland Democrats blame the Trump administration for repeatedly disrupting a project Congress deemed ready to advance. Republicans point to broader bureaucratic dysfunction and political jockeying over the headquarters.

Economists and political analysts say the answer lies somewhere in between: Building a massive, high-security federal facility is inherently complicated, and repeated changes in direction have made the process longer and more expensive.

How much those delays have cost taxpayers, however, remains unclear. The FBI reported spending roughly $157 million on maintenance and repairs at the Hoover Building from fiscal 2016 through 2023. But adding government expenditures or multiplying the GSA's eight-year-old estimate to calculate the price of delay would fail to account for inflation, tariffs and the time value of money, said JP Krahel, an accounting professor at Loyola University Maryland. "Uncertainty is always a costly thing," he told the Baltimore Sun.

The GSA and FBI did not respond to the Sun's requests for spending figures covering headquarters planning and procurement, the canceled 2017 procurement, or work on the Greenbelt and Ronald Reagan Building proposals. The GSA also did not provide an updated estimate of the annual cost of further delays.

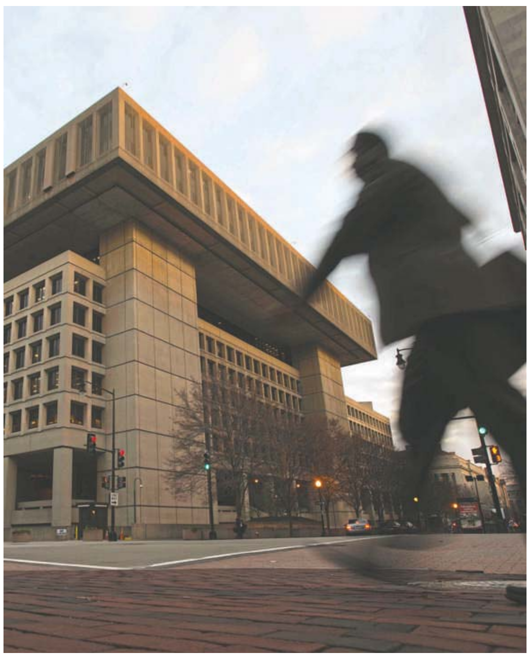
Over a decade of delays

The effort dates back to at least 2009, when then-FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III approached Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-Maryland), who was House majority leader at the time, seeking help finding a new headquarters.

"Our building is literally falling down," Hoyer recalled Mueller telling him. The FBI wanted a suburban campus that could provide greater security than its downtown Washington headquarters. Congress formally directed the GSA to pursue a replacement in 2011.

Hoyer acknowledged that some of the lengthy timeline was unavoidable. Selecting a site and procuring a facility of this size requires bidding, reviews and other safeguards, he said.

By 2016, Hoyer said the government was "essentially ready" to select a site, but that procurement was canceled in 2017 amid a funding shortfall. The government revived the search and selected Greenbelt in 2023 over competing sites in Landover and Springfield, Virginia. The Trump administration reversed that decision in 2025, announcing plans to renovate Washington's Ronald Reagan Building instead.



BONNIE JO MOUNT/WASHINGTON POST

The J. Edgar Hoover Building in D.C. Congress formally directed the GSA in 2011 to pursue plans for a new FBI headquarters.

A federal judge recently struck down that move and restored Greenbelt as the selected site, though the administration has the right to appeal.

Hoyer estimated a headquarters that might once have cost about $2 billion could now cost roughly $4 billion because of inflation and new tariffs.

"Every time we do something like this and don't do either what the law says or what the decision that has been made and move ahead and do it, it costs a lot of money," he told the Sun.

Anirban Basu, chairman and CEO of Sage Policy Group, called the delays "sheer unadulterated waste," saying rising labor and material costs mean taxpayers will ultimately pay more whenever construction begins.

Congress has appropriated more than $1.1 billion toward the headquarters effort since 2016, though that does not mean all of the money has been spent. In 2024, the GSA reported having $845 million available for the project and sought another $3.5 billion from the Federal Capital Revolving Fund. Congress did not approve the request. How much remains available today is unclear.

The blame game

The repeated changes have prompted bipartisan criticism in Maryland, although lawmakers disagree on where to place the blame.

Hoyer and Sen. Chris Van Hollen, another Democrat, have blamed President Donald Trump for "slow-walking" a project Congress repeatedly funded, and said the delays have wasted taxpayer money. They warned that appealing the ruling restoring Greenbelt — which both expect the administration to do — would bring further delays and costs.

Maryland House Minority Leader Jason C. Buckel, a Republican, instead called the saga "an example of government dysfunction." He said politicians in Maryland and Virginia became more focused on winning the headquarters for their jurisdictions than on determining "what's best for the FBI and for American taxpayers."

Washington College political scientist Flavio Hickel Jr. argued that "inefficiency" better describes the problem, rather than solely blaming politicians for dysfunction. Procurement rules can slow projects, he said, but they also exist to ensure fairness and responsible spending. Hickel added that the bigger problem comes when the government changes course after years of work, potentially requiring studies, surveys and contracting work to be repeated.

The saga has also drawn comparisons to Baltimore's Red Line, which underwent years of planning before then-Gov. Larry Hogan (R) canceled it in 2015, leaving $900 million in committed federal funding on the table. The project was later revived under Democratic Gov. Wes Moore. Still, Buckel said both illustrate waste associated with government planning that fails to produce completed projects.

However, economists said the analogy has limits. Unlike a transit project, which policymakers can decide not to build, the federal government ultimately has to address the FBI's need for a new headquarters, Basu said.

For Hickel, the cost also extends to public confidence. "Confidence the government can get things done declines when you hear about all these repeated delays and shifting priorities," he said.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Tech part of administration's push to expand mining workforce

BY **ETHAN HUNT**
Roanoke Times

BLACKSBURG, VA. — Virginia Tech is one of 14 universities at the forefront of a federal push to expand domestic mining and mineral operations following a $100 million educational investment announced this month.

On Aug. 7, the White House announced the investment in mining and mineral engineering programs at 14 universities, with the goal of doubling the number of graduates in the field.

The announcement came during a formal meeting at the State Department attended by President Donald Trump, Energy Department officials, senior White House staff, and university students and professors.

Mining and minerals engineering seniors Ellie Ferguson and Sophia Gwaltney joined department head Aaron Noble and university President Tim Sands in representing Virginia Tech at the conference.

The plan for distributing the funds has not been finalized, and Virginia Tech's share of the $100 million has not been determined.

Noble said Virginia Tech graduates about 30 of the nation's roughly 200 mining and minerals students who earn degrees annually. He estimated the demand for mining professionals is about twice the current number of graduates, aligning with the administration's goal.

The educational investment is part of a broader initiative that includes $2 billion in mining-related projects and companies.

Not a return to coal

In an interview last week, Noble, Ferguson and Gwaltney said growth in the number of mining and minerals graduates, and in the industry as a whole, does not mean a return to coal mining.

"There's this legacy of coal mining in Southwest Virginia, and certainly there's still some degree of coal mining happening in Southwest Virginia," Noble said. "That is certainly not what we're committed to educationally. We look more broadly."

The Trump administration has separately pushed to revive the nation's coal industry, including by easing barriers to coal mining and coal-fired power generation. In April 2025, Trump signed an executive order directing federal agencies to lift barriers to coal mining and to promote coal-powered electricity generation.

When looking beyond coal, Noble pointed to titanium mines near Richmond, and to developing lithium mines in western North Carolina and quartz mines across Virginia's southern border.

"We have this notion of Southwest Virginia being exclusively coal mining, but when you take a step back, you realize we actually mine a lot of different materials in the region that support all kinds of different applications and end uses," he said.

Noble said mining those minerals, and many others, is essential to "national and global prosperity," and that materials pulled from the ground form much of the basis of modern life.

"One of our sayings in this department is, 'If it's not grown, it's mined,'" Ferguson said.

Sustainable mining

Noble, Ferguson and Gwaltney said mining can be done sustainably and in ways that differ from the negative impacts often associated with coal mines of the past, which still dot the region's landscape.

While acknowledging that mining, as an extractive practice, is inherently nonrenewable, the three said sustainable mining is built around community and stakeholder involvement, reclamation and habitat work, and strong regulations.

The final point differs from actions by the Trump administration, which since 2025 has pursued rollbacks of Environmental Protection Agency regulations governing air and water pollution and other environmental protections.

Still, the Virginia Tech representatives said strong regulations are one reason the United States should be at the forefront of the mining industry.

"There are really heavy regulations, and I think that's a huge portion of why there is a push for American mining," Gwaltney said. "We know that when it's done here, it's done with proper labor laws, with proper environmental standards, and that when something does go wrong, we are in control over the reclamation efforts."

Noble agreed, saying, "We have the ingenuity and the legislative and legal framework to allow us to do the best mining."

High-tech and modern

While the image that often comes to mind when picturing mining is that of a coal-streaked man with a pickaxe, today's mining operations are highly mechanized and technologically advanced.

"There's a lot of push for automation," Noble said. "The equipment that's underground is made to keep people safe. It's made to be efficient, and it's very modern in every sense of the word."

Noble described one mine with a fully underground maintenance facility for the equipment used in the operation, complete with WiFi.

While skilled laborers such as plumbers, welders and pipefitters are still needed in modern mines, Virginia Tech graduates typically go on to work as engineers or operations managers.

Why is mining important?

Noble, Ferguson and Gwaltney emphasized that materials extracted through mining are part of virtually every aspect of modern life.

"In any room that you find yourself in, look around," Ferguson said. "You're surrounded by mining. You can't escape it."

Gwaltney said that while many people view an extractive process such as mining as either good or bad, it requires a more nuanced approach.

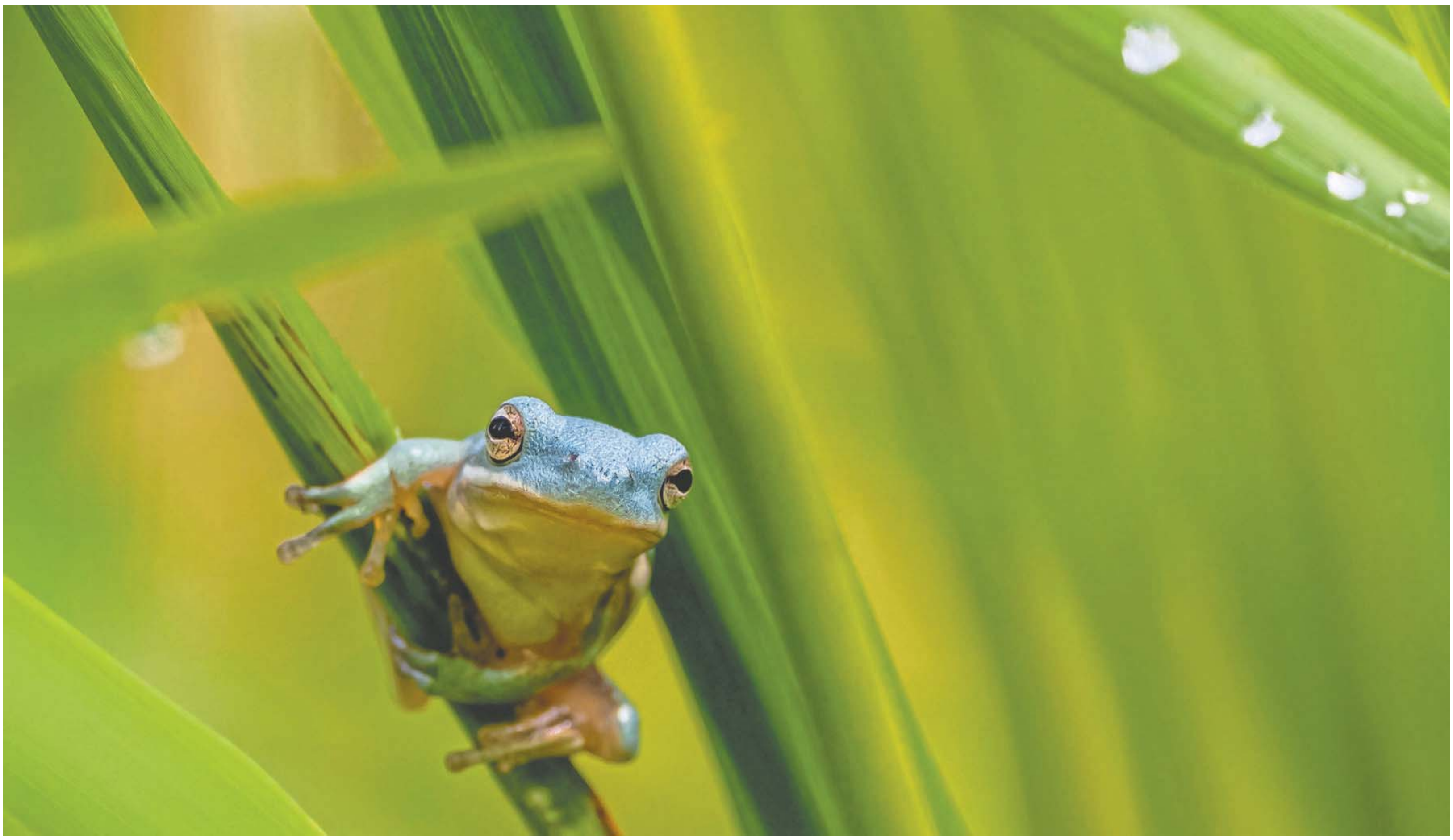
"It's just necessary," she said. "But we're trying to make it better and safer and healthier, and I think that by funding these departments, by giving the resources to the research and to the people, that is how we can continue to mine while also protecting people and the environment."

The Guide to Offers
The Washington Post

Enter for the chance to win a pair of tickets to Quicksand & Bane - August 31

It's impossible to overstate Quicksand's influence on hardcore. Formed in New York City in 1990 by veterans of Gorilla Biscuits, Youth of Today, Burn and Bold, the band pushed hardcore's raw aggression into heavier, groove-driven territory, helping define the sound that would become known as post-hardcore. Joining them are Soul Blind, whose thick, pedal-drenched sound channels the weight of their hardcore roots through the hooks, haze and massive guitars of modern rock. Don't miss this one of a kind performance.

See details at washingtonpost.com/entertainment/events/lists/388



MAR ACEVEDO

The photogenic frog on a blade of grass at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria. Seeing a green tree frog with blue coloring is rare, experts say: "It's not an everyday thing. It's like a one-in-a-million chance."

Nature enthusiasts leap to catch glimpse of rare amphibian

BLUE FROG FROM **B13**

"We don't know much about green tree frogs being blue because so few have been seen and studied," Bell said.

There may be some disadvantages to being blue. Blue individuals might be more conspicuous to predators because they do not camouflage themselves as effectively as green frogs of the species. Their coloring might also make them less attractive to other green tree frogs.

Scientists have had relatively few opportunities to study blue tree frogs because they are so rare. In the past century, Bell said, there have only been slightly more than 100 documented instances of axanthism in a handful of green frog species around the world.

But a chance encounter in Northern Virginia helped Bell find another way to study them.

About seven years ago, Barbara Saffir, a wildlife photographer and naturalist who lives in Montgomery County, Maryland, contacted Bell about a tree frog with blue coloring that she had spotted at Neabsco Regional Park in Woodbridge. At the time, Bell was a curator of amphibians and reptiles at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Bell went on to launch a global study of unusual blue coloration in frogs, turning to iNaturalist, a community science platform where people can upload and track observations of wildlife and plants. The approach gave researchers access to something traditional scientific studies had not: thousands of people wandering their parks, forests and wetlands with cameras.

Last year, Bell and other researchers published a study identifying more than 300 records of blue coloration across 36 frog species. This summer, Bell said, the iNaturalist project on axanthic blue-colored frog species has now reached over 700 observations.

"We were able to find way more information from people just out in nature taking photos for fun than over a century of scientists trying to document this rare, natural phenomenon of these frogs," Bell said.

The observations also revealed an intriguing geographic pattern. The D.C. region, particularly areas east of Interstate 95, appears to be a "hot spot," Bell said, for blue individuals of the green tree frog species.

Why? "We have no idea," Bell said.

"It could be a genetic thing where those individuals are surviving to the point where they can reproduce and pass it on to their offspring," she said. "Or it could be something about their diet, or something about the ponds themselves that is making them blue."

That mystery has helped turn the blue frog at Huntley Meadows into a local celebrity.

Green tree frogs in the D.C. region can generally be seen from late April through the end of October, locals said. They are nocturnal, hunting insects at night and resting during the day. When they're green, Saffir said, they are the "queens and kings of camouflage," small enough to disappear into grassy wetlands.

On a Facebook page for Huntley Meadows, Elaine Parker Starr recently shared a photo of the all-blue frog after spotting it on her way out of the park. Dozens of people commented: Wow. Awesome. Spectacular. Outstanding. One person wrote, "That is crazy amazing!"

Another saw something more romantic in the little blue frog: "Divine. Is he a prince in disguise? I'd be willing to kiss him to find out."

For Acevedo, Saffir and frog watchers, the challenge of finding the tiny and unusual blue frog is part of the adventure.

"People think about finding a rarity in an exotic location," Saffir said. "Everybody comes back from a place like the Amazon and says, 'Oh, you should have seen the tree frogs there.' I laugh and say, 'You do realize we have similar tree frogs right here in our own backyard?'"

As Acevedo searched the marsh from the trail one recent morning, camera and long lens in hand, he spotted otters, beavers, herons, sandpipers and an osprey. Then, just after 10:15 a.m., he saw what he had come for: the all-blue frog creeping out from beneath the grass to bask in the sun.

"It's just a beautiful creature," he said. "I like finding something that's not easily found. You don't expect to see something that looks so tropical here in suburban Alexandria, but here it is. It just brings you joy."

MARYLAND

Inside Harford County's undercover stings with 'To Catch a Predator' host

BY **BRENDAN NORDSTROM**
AND **MATT HUBBARD**
Baltimore Sun

Three undercover stings in less than a year. Twenty-one arrests. A deacon, a day care owner, a D.C. police officer, a baseball coach and a Defense Department employee among those charged.

That's the record so far of the Harford County Sheriff's Office's partnership with "To Catch a Predator" host Chris Hansen — and while there's no fourth sting currently planned, both sides say they'd welcome one.

But the unusual partnership between law enforcement and a television personality could complicate the resulting prosecutions, according to Andrew Alperstein, president of the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association.

He said involving entertainment media in police operations can raise constitutional questions and give defense attorneys additional grounds to challenge the cases.

The Harford-Hansen collaboration traces back to a sting Hansen ran in Florida's Polk County, where a Harford County Sheriff's Office deputy watched him work on the streaming series "Takedown With Chris Hansen," which debuted in 2022. The two then began discussing bringing the operation to Maryland.

"I reached out to the sheriff," Hansen told Harford County news site the Aegis in an interview. "Sheriff Jeff Gahler was committed to this sort of work, and we're very fortunate that the department allowed us to embed."

In several Harford County stings, undercover investigators posed as teenagers on dating or hookup websites, exchanged messages with individuals, and arranged meetings. When the individuals arrived, Hansen confronted them before deputies swooped in to make arrests.

Hansen, who has worked on similar operations since 2004, said he thought people would stop showing up after three or four stings. Gahler said he had expected the same.

"Unfortunately, seeing how many individuals did appear was deeply disturbing and a stark reminder of just how pervasive this threat to our children truly is," Gahler said in an email. "It became painfully clear that no social or economic boundary shields us from the reality of who these offenders can be."

Gahler said Harford County deputies conduct similar operations even without Hansen's help; he said the partnership creates "a level of public awareness and engagement" that the department otherwise couldn't achieve.

But that publicity can also complicate the investigations.

Leaks about arrests led the sheriff's office to acknowledge the most recent operations sooner than planned, said Cristie Hopkins, a spokesperson for the sheriff's office. At least two suspects canceled planned meetings with undercover detectives because of the media attention. Hopkins said police still charged individuals who didn't physically show up to meet Hansen.

> *"Entertainment media is using these cases to sensationalize, so their motives are not as pure as you would hope law enforcement's are."*
>
> **Andrew Alperstein,** president of the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, speaking about the Harford-Hansen partnership

The scrutiny can also extend beyond those accused. Gahler issued a statement following the latest sting asking the community for "compassion" toward uninvolved parties, such as family members and friends.

Hansen's methods have attracted scrutiny before — and are now getting renewed attention with an upcoming Hollywood project about his work.

Hansen and his approach to exposing child sex crimes are the subject of "Primetime," an A24 film set for release Sept. 25 and starring actor Robert Pattinson as Hansen.

Hansen told Fox News host Jesse Watters that he has no financial stake in the film and that producers asked him to sign a nondisclosure agreement before they would allow him to watch it. He told the Aegis that filmmakers used his name, image and likeness without coming to him first, and he expects the movie to be a "dramatized version of reality and in large part sensationalized."

"To Catch a Predator" aired on NBC from 2004 to 2007, and ended soon after a highly publicized Texas operation involving Bill Conradt, an assistant district attorney who had been messaging a decoy posing as a 13-year-old. Conradt shot and killed himself as police and an NBC crew arrived at his home. NBC aired a report on the operation, and Conradt's sister later sued the network. The case was settled out of court.

In 2022, Hansen launched "Takedown With Chris Hansen," a streaming series with a similar format. The series follows undercover sting operations in which Hansen and his team, alongside local law enforcement agencies and county sheriffs, confront adults who arrive for meetings with people they believe are underage.

Asked whether he thinks publicly confronting alleged offenders is better than a more traditional law enforcement approach, Hansen said he is "comfortable" with how he operates.

"If this doesn't tell people that this is a problem … I don't know what else does," he said.

The Harford County Sheriff's Office and Hansen said they would be open to working together again.

"[Gahler's] just got a fantastic team who's really dedicated to the protection of children," Hansen said.

Legal experts warn that the "sensationalism" of the operations run real legal risks.

Alperstein, a former prosecutor and current defense attorney at Alperstein & Diener in Baltimore, said the risk stems partly from the differing purposes of law enforcement and television.

"Entertainment media is using these cases to sensationalize, so their motives are not as pure as you would hope law enforcement's are, so it can create constitutional issues that can jeopardize a case," Alperstein said. "It is sensationalism at its highest, and that can really obstruct a legitimate law enforcement function and can be a real problem."

Alperstein said Hansen's involvement, including statements made during a sting, could complicate prosecutions and provide grounds for defense challenges, including claims of entrapment. He stopped short of calling the entire operation flawed, noting that the specifics of each case vary too much for a blanket judgment. But he said adding entertainment media to a police sting creates legal risks that would not exist in a conventional undercover operation.

"It is very distinct from a detective acting as a child to do these stings, and we have seen many cases throughout the country that do these, and they don't need entertainment media as a partner," Alperstein said. "The partnerships run the real risk of jeopardizing the cases, and I am sure they will all be challenged."

Get more with Premium.
Three bonus accounts to share with friends and family.
Start sharing today
Scan the code or visit
https://wapo.st/share

Reveal
by KOHLER.
BATH AND SHOWER REMODELING

Experience Comfort & Confidence with the KOHLER Walk-In Bath

BASK. HEATED BACKREST

Stay warm and comfortable while your bath fills and drains.

MULTIFUNCTIONAL HANDSHOWER

Target hard-to-reach areas with three adjustable spray settings.

EXTRA-WIDE BATH SEAT

Designed for a more comfortable soak and easier seated transitions.

THIS MONTH ONLY

GET 50% OFF INSTALLATION
of Your KOHLER. Walk-In Bath

+ NO INTEREST FOR 12 MONTHS†

ConsumerAffairs
Buyer's Choice Awards
2025
BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE

Call today for your FREE in-home quote!

(771) 888-3307

KOHLER. K150 150 YEARS | LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY*

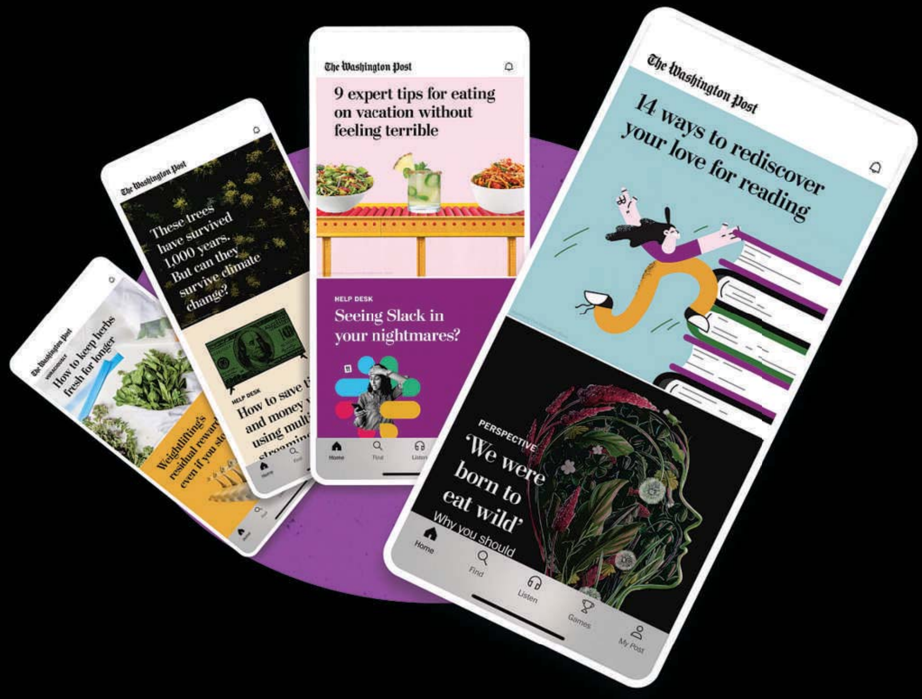
*For as long as the original purchaser consumer owns his or her home. For complete warranty details, visit KOHLER.com/Warranty.

†Offer ends August 31, 2026. Participating dealers only. Not available in AK; HI; Nassau Cty, Suffolk Cty, Westchester Cty, or City of Buffalo, NY. 50% off installation labor applies to the installation of the KOHLER walk-in bath and may exclude costs associated with plumbing and electrical. Cannot be combined with any other advertised offer. Contact Reveal by KOHLER Authorized Dealer for financing details.

The Washington Post

Share access with friends and family.

As a print subscriber, you have Premium digital access — including three extra accounts for sharing.


The Washington Post
How to keep herbs fresh for longer
These trees have survived 1,000 years. But can they survive climate change?
How to save time and money using multi streaming
9 expert tips for eating on vacation without feeling terrible
HELP DESK
Seeing Slack in your nightmares?
14 ways to rediscover your love for reading
PERSPECTIVE
'We were born to eat wild'
Home
Find
Listen
Games
My Post

Why wait? Spread the good news.

Share extra accounts
Scan the code or visit
https://wapo.st/share

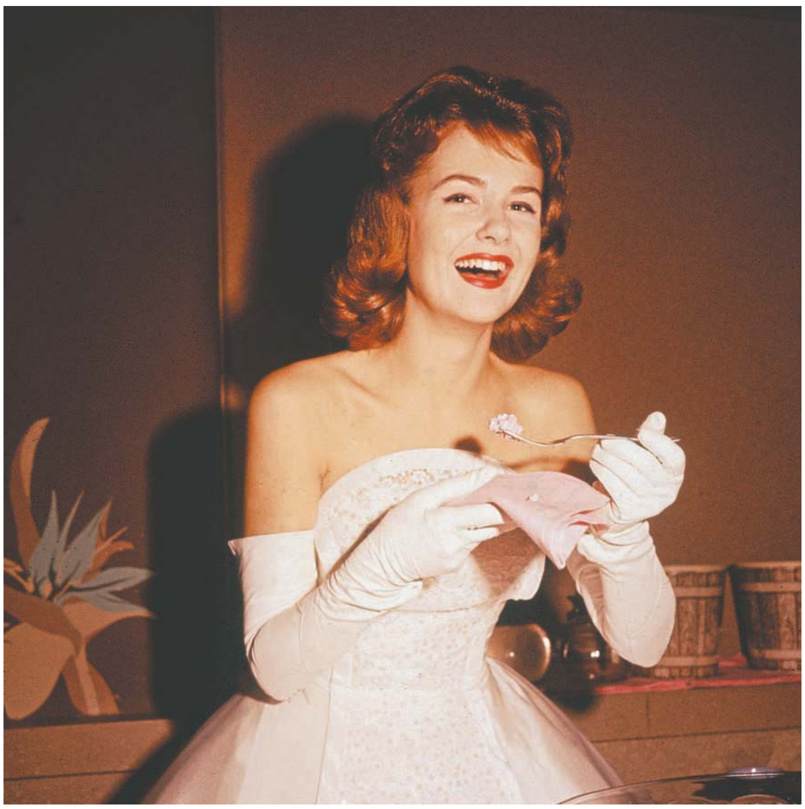
S 6 x 10.5

OBITUARIES

SHELLEY FABARES, 82

TV, movies, music — she did it all with aplomb

BY LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press



HULTON ARCHIVE/GETTY IMAGES

Actor Shelley Fabares, laughing while eating a bite of cake at a formal event in 1963.

Shelley Fabares, an actor who was a fixture on television for decades from her days as a young teenager on "The Donna Reed Show," through "One Day at a Time" and "Coach," has died. She was 82.

She died Saturday in Los Angeles, her family said in a statement to the Associated Press. No cause was given.

"To her family and friends, Shelley was a source of love, strength, laughter, and comfort," her family wrote. "She had a remarkable ability to make people feel welcomed, valued, and cared for."

Ms. Fabares was born in Santa Monica, California, in 1944 and started acting as a young child. Her first television credit came at age 10 when she appeared on "The Loretta Young Show." Many movies and television shows followed: She acted with Paul Newman, Frank Sinatra and Eva Marie Saint in a Producers' Showcase production of "Our Town," and was in the Rosalind Russell movie "The Girl Rush" and the Rock Hudson drama "Never Say Goodbye." Other early credits include "Annette," "Captain Midnight" and the "Black Leather Jackets" episode of "The Twilight Zone."

Her biggest break came when she was cast as Mary Stone on "The Donna Reed Show," where she was a regular from 1958 through 1963. During that time, she also got a recording contract and had two Top 40 hits, including "Johnny Angel." In the early 1960s, she also co-starred in three movies with Elvis Presley: "Girl Happy," "Spinout" and "Clambake."

"I think the years on 'The Donna Reed Show,' the years from 14 to 19, were so incredibly important," Ms. Fabares told the Los Angeles Times in 1993. "Donna Reed was simply an extraordinary woman, a woman of great strength, kindness, integrity and compassion. I am not trying to make her sound like a saint, but she had the most profound influence on me. I carry her with me today."

In the late 1970s, Ms. Fabares made an impression as Francine Webster on the CBS sitcom "One Day at a Time." She also played James Caan's wife in "Brian's Song." One of her biggest roles came when she was cast as Christine Armstrong in "Coach," although the show took a minute to find its audience.

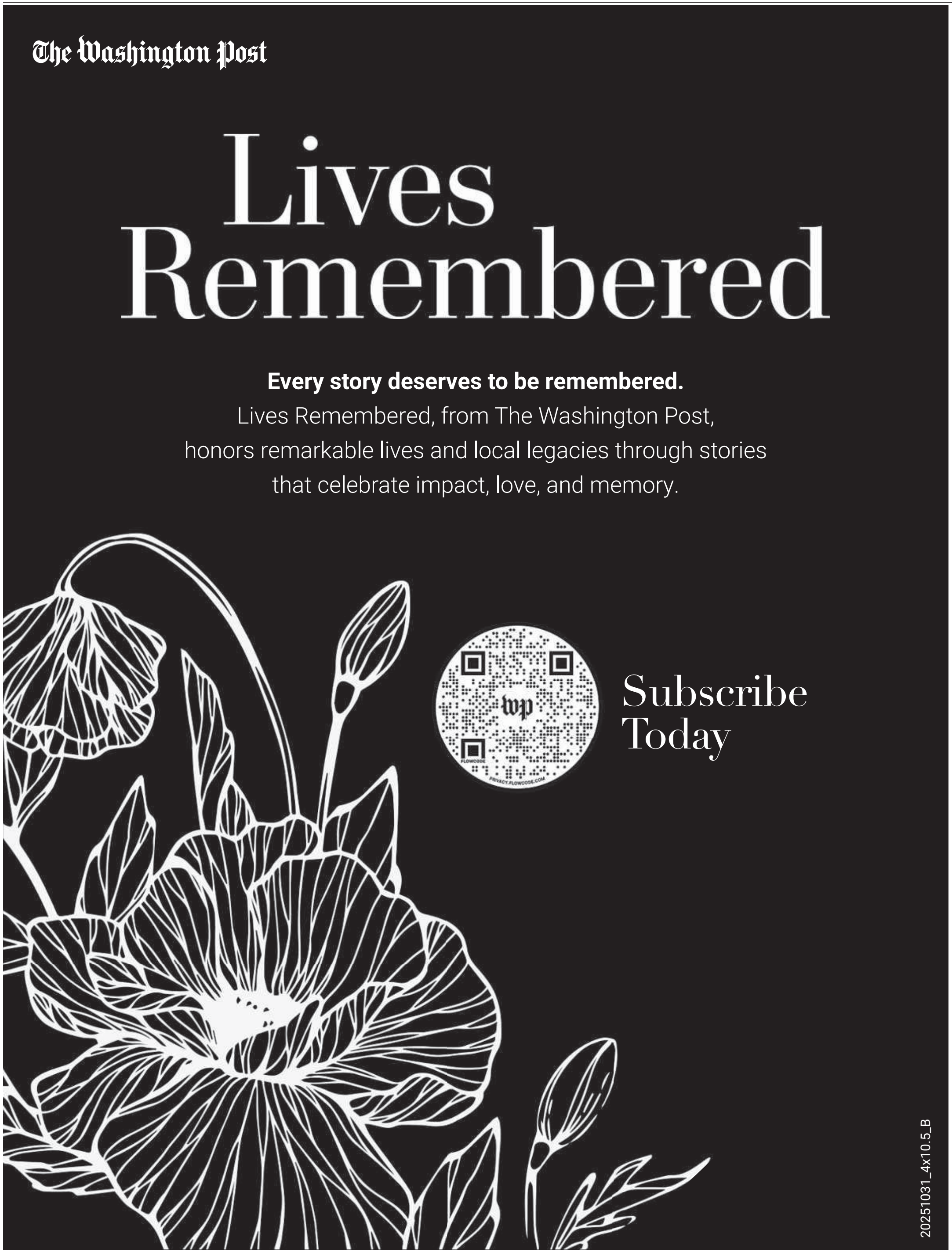
"I did always feel from the very beginning if they could find the right spot for us, this was a show that would last," she said in the 1993 Los Angeles Times interview.

Ms. Fabares married twice, first to producer Lou Adler in 1964. She had been married to "M.A.S.H." actor Mike Farrell since 1984. She was also a devoted advocate for Alzheimer's awareness, a disease that affected her mother.

In early 1999, a visit to the emergency room for an esophageal bleed revealed that she had progressive liver failure. After spending 22 months on a waiting list, she had liver transplant surgery in October 2000.

In an interview with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles three years after the transplant, she said she'd been "changed by the experience" and was eternally grateful to Farrell, who was with her "every step of the way."

Her family, in their statement, said: "We will remember Shelley for her kindness, loyalty, wit, courage, and beautiful spirit. We will miss her deeply — not only as a celebrated performer, but as the loving and extraordinary person she was in our everyday lives."



The Washington Post

Lives Remembered

Every story deserves to be remembered.
Lives Remembered, from The Washington Post,
honors remarkable lives and local legacies through stories
that celebrate impact, love, and memory.

Subscribe Today

20251031_4x10.5_B

IN MEMORIAM

BRADY

HARRY GILBERT BRADY (Age 90)
February 9, 1913 - August 26, 2003
In loving memory of Harry G. Brady
Decorated World War II veteran
Loving Husband, father, and grandfather
With love from your daughter, Cathy
and your grandchildren, Jim and Mary

DEATH NOTICE

JOHNSON

MARTHA MARIE JOHNSON (Age 90)

Martha Marie Johnson "Hon and Honey" of Washington DC, a native of Burlington, NC passed away on July 21, 2026. She was raised with the belief that the world was not a place of limits and boundaries, but one filled with endless possibilities and opportunities. Her parents instilled in her the values that would guide her throughout her life: integrity, an enduring work ethic, social consciousness, grace, elegance, and service to others. Her service as a respiratory therapist had her responsible for managing the care and treatment of our men and women in the military and she took tremendous pride in the integral role she played in supporting the mission. She leaves behind to mourn her loss her nephew Mr. Wayne Evans (Erricka) and his daughters Ms. Velvet Johnson and Ms. Gabrielle Evans along with a host of friends. Family gathering will be held on Thursday the 27 at 10:30am followed by the service at 11am at New Canaan Baptist Church, 2826 Bladensburg Road, NE Washington DC. The burial will follow at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, MD.

When the need arises, let families find you in the Funeral Services Directory.

To be seen in the Funeral Services Directory, please call paid Death Notices at 202-334-4122.

The Washington Post

IN MEMORIAM

TUSA

FRANK J. TUSA (Age 80)
February 9, 1941 ~ August 26, 2021

"If ever two were one, then surely we."

DEATH NOTICE

BENSARASKY

STEPHEN BENSARASKY (Age 94)

It is with regret that we notify the members of Steamfitters Local 602 of the death of Retired Brother Stephen Bensarasky. Private services were held by the family. Notice # 2091.

Sidney Bonilla
F.S.T.

BRANSON

ALBERT E. BRANSON JR.

On Saturday, August 21, 2026 at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC. He was 84. Brother of David Branson (Jane), Theresa McVearry (Kenneth), Robert Branson (Patricia), Vincent Branson (Marilyn) and brother-in-law of Meredith Branson (Bob). He is also beloved by 12 nieces and nephews, many cousins, and countless friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St Anselm's Abbey in Washington, DC on Saturday, August 29 at 10 a.m. A Celebration of Life will be held at Columbia Country Club at 12 noon. Interment Mt. St Mary's Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Poor Robert's Mission.

www.COLLINSFUNERALHOME.com

HARDISON

DOUGLAS B. HARDISON (Age 88)

It is with regret that we notify the members of Steamfitters Local 602 of the death of Retired Brother Douglas B Hardison. Private services were held by the family. Notice # 2092.

Sidney Bonilla
F.S.T.

HOWARD

JOHN MILTON HOWARD

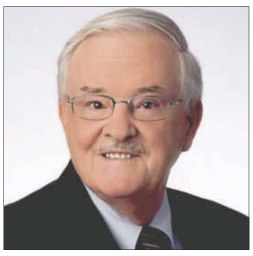
Passed away on August 18, 2026, at Holy Cross Hospital. He is survived by his loving daughter, Anne (Morris) Barfield, five grand-children; one great-grandchild, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends. Visitation will be held at McGuire Funeral Home, 7400 Georgia Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C 20012 on Wednesday September 2, 2026 at 10:00am, followed by Memorial Service at 11:00am. Inurnment private.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations are made in memory of John Milton Howard to www.DementiaSociety.org/donate.

www.mcguire-services.com

DEATH NOTICE

ARNTSON



PETER ARNTSON

Peter Andrew Arntson, 88, of Arlington, Virginia, departed this life peacefully on August 20, 2026.

Born May 23, 1938, in Washington, D.C., Peter grew up in Arlington and graduated from Wakefield High School in 1956. He earned a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia in 1960, and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1965. He later received an LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 1971.

Peter practiced law for more than five decades. He began his career in Arlington with Philips, Kendrick, Gearhardt & Aylor in 1965, becoming a partner in 1970. In 1975, he joined McCandlish Lillard in Fairfax as a partner, where he later served as Senior Counsel before retiring in 2020. A respected trusts and estates and tax attorney, Peter's practice also included forming and advising partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, closely held businesses, private foundations, and public charitable organizations. He served as chairman of the Virginia State Bar Tax Section, lectured extensively at continuing legal education programs, and published articles on taxation and related legal matters. He was also named a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation and former Deputy Commissioner of Accounts for Fairfax County.

Peter devoted substantial time to civic and charitable service. He served for many years as a trustee of the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation and, in recent years, as Trustee Emeritus. He also served as a Director and Trustee of the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children and its Foundation. A proud Wakefield graduate, he founded the Wakefield High School Education Foundation and served for many years as its President before later serving as President Emeritus, helping build a scholarship program for generations of Wakefield students. He also served as an initial trustee of the Arlington Community Foundation, a trustee of the Northern Virginia Community Foundation, and a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Heart Association.

Peter was an Eagle Scout and maintained a lifelong commitment to Scouting, serving on the Executive Board and, more recently, the Advisory Board of the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and receiving the Council's Silver Beaver Award.

After participating in ROTC at the University of Virginia, he entered active duty with the U.S. Army. While stationed in France, he met his wife Colette, whom he married there in 1962. He continued his military service in the Army Reserve, retiring as a Colonel, and was a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

Peter was deeply devoted to Colette and their son, Eric. Peter and Colette shared a love of travel, visiting family and friends throughout the United States and especially enjoying time in France, Colette's native country, and Norway, the ancestral home of the Arntson family. Eric was the joy of Peter's life, and father and son especially enjoyed hiking, kayaking, and other activities together.

Peter was preceded in death by his wife, Colette O. Arntson, and his parents, Mary G. and Paul L. Arntson. He is survived by his son, Eric P. Arntson; his brother, Stephen G. Arntson, and his wife, Patricia; and a large extended family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, September 3, at 11 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Arlington, with a gathering afterward at Murphy Funeral Home in Arlington. Interment will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C.

MURPHY FUNERAL HOMES
ARLINGTON | FALLS CHURCH

POST YOUR CONDOLENCES

Now death notices on washingtonpost.com/obituaries allow you to express your sympathy with greater ease. Visit today.

The Washington Post

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTONPOST.COM/WEATHER

Hot with a possible late storm

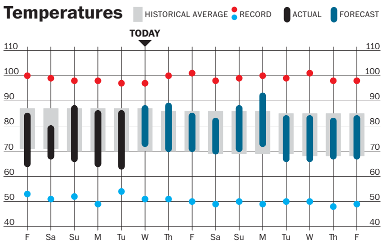
Another bright and sunny day is on the docket, with a high in the upper 80s, a smattering of clouds and a light southeasterly breeze. In the evening, expect temperatures to drop into the low 70s, with an off chance of brief rainfall and a thunderstorm overnight.

AccuWeather FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly sunny	Heavy t-storms	T-storm	T-storm	Showers	T-storms
87° 73°	88° 71°	84° 71°	82° 70°	87° 71°	92° 73°
REALFEEL®: **90°**	REALFEEL® **94°**	REALFEEL® **88°**	REALFEEL® **85°**	REALFEEL® **97°**	REALFEEL® **97°**
CHANCE PRECIP: **0%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **95%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **90%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **55%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **70%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **60%**
WIND: **S 6–12 mph**	WIND: **S 7–14 mph**	WIND: **NE 4–8 mph**	WIND: **ENE 6–12 mph**	WIND: **SSE 4–8 mph**	WIND: **S 6–12 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Moderate**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**

OFFICIAL RECORD

Temperatures

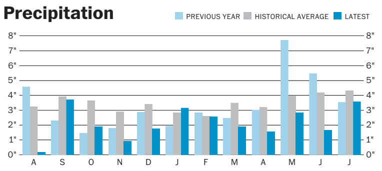


Statistics through 5 p.m. Tuesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**85°** 3:14 p.m.	**83°** 1:57 p.m.	**83°** 3:31 p.m.
Low	**64°** 6:00 a.m.	**56°** 6:10 a.m.	**59°** 4:21 a.m.
Historical Average	87°/70°	85°/64°	86°/65°
Record high	97° 1998	97° 2023	97° 1968
Record low	54° 1935	47° 1971	51° 1963

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+0.4°** yr. to date: **+0.3°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	4.04"	4.29"	5.33"
Historical Average (month)	2.61"	2.85"	3.34"
Total this year	21.33"	28.84"	26.10"
Historical Average (year)	27.27"	28.54"	29.03"

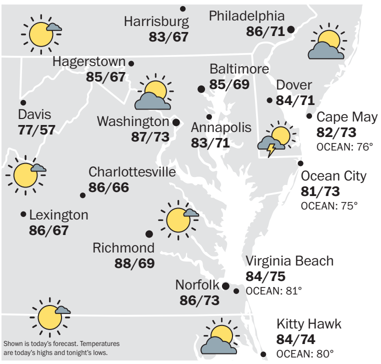
Moon Phases

Aug 28	Sep 4	Sep 10	Sep 18
Full	Last Quarter	New	First Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:31 a.m.	7:48 p.m.
Moon	7:09 p.m.	4:45 a.m.
Venus	10:23 a.m.	9:24 p.m.
Mars	2:06 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Jupiter	4:47 a.m.	6:51 p.m.
Saturn	9:32 p.m.	9:58 a.m.

REGION TODAY


Harrisburg 83/67
Philadelphia 86/71
Hagerstown 85/67
Baltimore 85/69
Dover 84/71
Davis 77/57
Washington 87/73
Annapolis 83/71
Cape May 82/73 OCEAN: 76°
Charlottesville 86/66
Ocean City 81/73 OCEAN: 75°
Lexington 86/67
Richmond 88/69
Virginia Beach 84/75 OCEAN: 81°
Norfolk 86/73
Kitty Hawk 84/74 OCEAN: 80°

Shown is today's forecast. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Pollen: High
Observed ratings on 8/25

Grass	Moderate
Trees	Low
Weeds	High
Mold	Moderate

Today's Air Quality & UV forecast

Air Quality: Moderate
Main pollutant: Particulates

UV: Very High
8 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: *Shenandoah National Park:* Today, a thunderstorm late this afternoon. High 82. Winds south–southeast 4–8 mph. Tonight, widely separated thunderstorms. • *Great Smoky Mtns. National Park:* Today, a thunderstorm around this afternoon. High 71. Winds southwest 4–8 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm this evening, partly cloudy. Low 62.

Atlantic beaches: *Ocean City, MD:* Today, mostly sunny. High 81. Winds east–southeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm around late. Low 73. Winds south 7–14 mph. • *Virginia Beach:* Today, partly sunny. High 84. Winds southeast 7–14 mph. Tonight, a thunderstorm in spots late. Low 75. Winds south–southeast 7–14 mph.

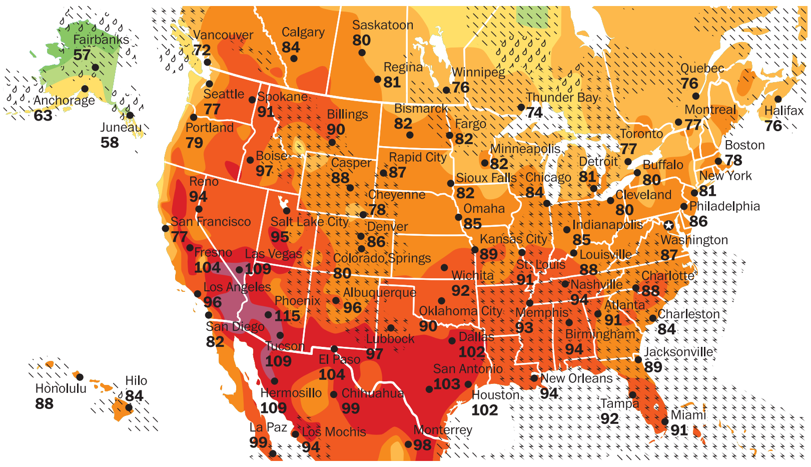
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, partly sunny. Wind south 4–8 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility clear to the horizon. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind south 6–12 knots. Waves 0–1 foot on the Lower Potomac; 1–2 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 3.30 feet today, with no change of 3.30 Thursday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (Shown are High tides in **Bold** and low tides.)

Washington	1:56 a.m.	**7:38 a.m.**	2:36 p.m.	**8:07 p.m.**
Annapolis	**4:48 a.m.**	11:24 a.m.	**4:45 p.m.**	10:44 p.m.
Ocean City	1:05 a.m.	**6:50 a.m.**	12:55 p.m.	**7:20 p.m.**
Norfolk	3:00 a.m.	**9:04 a.m.**	3:02 p.m.	**9:21 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**12:47 a.m.**	7:40 a.m.	**12:57 p.m.**	6:45 p.m.

NATION TODAY

Weather map features for today.


Fairbanks 57
Anchorage 63
Juneau 58
Vancouver 72
Calgary 84
Saskatoon 80
Regina 81
Winnipeg 76
Thunder Bay 74
Quebec 76
Montreal 77
Halifax 76
Seattle 77
Spokane 91
Portland 79
Billings 90
Bismarck 82
Fargo 82
Minneapolis 82
Toronto 77
Boston 78
Boise 97
Casper 88
Rapid City 87
Detroit 81
Buffalo 80
New York 81
Reno 94
Cheyenne 78
Sioux Falls 82
Chicago 84
Cleveland 80
Philadelphia 86
San Francisco 77
Salt Lake City 95
Denver 86
Omaha 85
Indianapolis 85
Washington 87
Fresno 104
Las Vegas 109
Colorado Springs 80
Kansas City 89
St. Louis 91
Louisville 88
Los Angeles 96
Wichita 92
Nashville 94
Charlotte 88
Phoenix 115
Albuquerque 96
Oklahoma City 90
Memphis 93
Atlanta 91
Charleston 84
San Diego 82
Lubbock 97
Dallas 102
Birmingham 94
Tucson 109
El Paso 104
Jacksonville 89
San Antonio 103
New Orleans 94
Houston 102
Tampa 92
Miami 91
Hermosillo 109
Chihuahua 99
La Paz 99
Los Mochis 94
Monterrey 98
Honolulu 88
Hilo 84

Showers ▨ T-storms ▨ Rain ▨ Flurries ▨ Snow ▨ Ice ▨

<–10 | –0s | 0s | 10s | 20s | 30s | 40s | 50s | 60s | 70s | 80s | 90s | 100s | 110+

Yesterday's National
High: Thermal, CA **116°**
Low: Leadville, CO **38°**
For the 48 contiguous states

Yesterday's World
High: Ahwaz, Iran **121°**
Low: Shologontsy, Russia **25°**
Excludes Antarctica

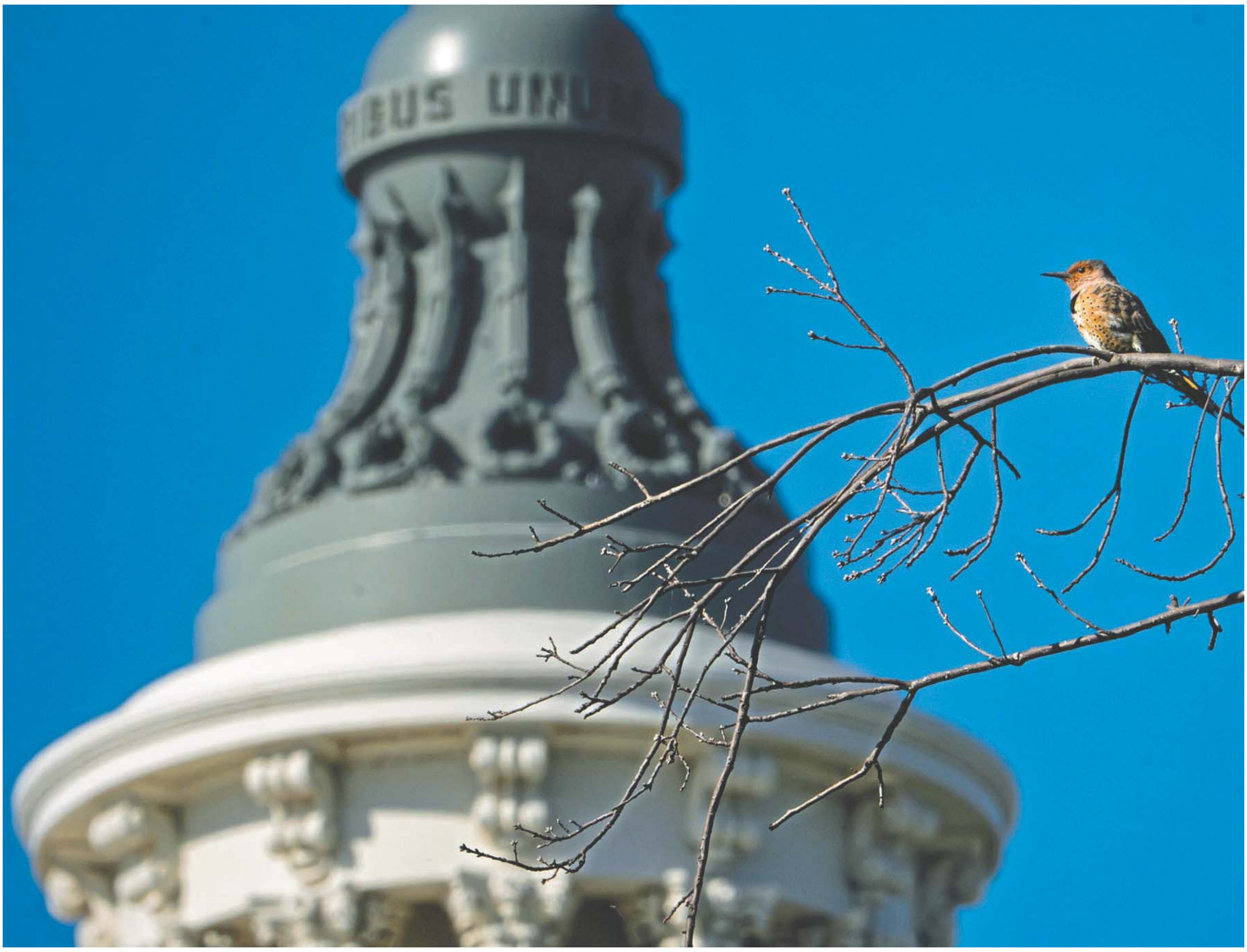
NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	79/63/pc	79/66/t
Albuquerque	96/68/t	96/69/pc
Anchorage	63/48/s	62/52/s
Atlanta	91/72/t	86/73/t
Austin	105/75/s	103/75/t
Baltimore	85/69/pc	87/70/t
Billings, MT	90/63/t	94/64/pc
Birmingham	94/73/t	85/73/t
Bismarck, ND	82/49/s	86/58/s
Boise	97/68/pc	96/62/pc
Boston	78/67/s	82/71/c
Buffalo	80/66/pc	78/62/t
Burlington, VT	80/62/pc	83/68/t
Charleston, SC	84/74/t	90/75/t
Charleston, WV	87/65/pc	83/65/t
Charlotte	88/71/t	88/71/t
Cheyenne, WY	78/56/t	84/59/t
Chicago	84/65/t	82/63/s
Cincinnati	84/65/pc	83/64/s
Cleveland	80/64/pc	80/62/t
Dallas	102/78/pc	100/78/s
Denver	86/60/t	87/64/t
Des Moines	84/63/pc	83/61/s
Detroit	81/66/t	81/61/pc
El Paso	104/76/s	101/75/s
Fairbanks, AK	57/38/sh	57/44/c
Fargo, ND	82/51/pc	81/52/s
Hartford, CT	81/62/s	79/68/t
Honolulu	88/76/pc	89/75/sh
Houston	102/79/pc	100/78/t
Indianapolis	85/66/pc	84/64/pc
Jackson, MS	98/75/t	90/73/t
Jacksonville, FL	89/72/t	90/73/t
Kansas City, MO	89/62/pc	86/62/s
Las Vegas	109/88/pc	110/88/s
Little Rock	95/73/t	94/71/s
Los Angeles	96/75/s	94/73/pc
Louisville	88/69/pc	84/68/pc
Memphis	93/75/t	90/74/pc
Miami	91/79/t	92/80/t
Milwaukee	83/63/pc	77/63/s
Minneapolis	82/63/pc	81/59/s
Nashville	94/71/t	87/69/t
New Orleans	94/78/t	88/77/t
New York City	81/70/s	81/71/t
Norfolk	86/73/pc	88/74/t
Oklahoma City	90/72/pc	94/68/pc
Omaha	85/60/pc	84/63/s
Orlando	93/74/t	92/75/t
Philadelphia	86/71/s	86/71/t
Phoenix	115/91/pc	113/91/s
Pittsburgh	81/64/c	82/62/t
Portland, ME	79/62/pc	78/66/pc
Portland, OR	79/61/pc	77/58/pc
Providence, RI	80/64/s	81/71/c
Raleigh, NC	89/71/t	87/70/t
Reno, NV	94/62/s	93/62/pc
Richmond	88/69/s	88/71/t
Sacramento	99/64/pc	97/67/s
St. Louis	91/68/t	87/67/s
St. Thomas, VI	93/81/s	92/80/t
Salt Lake City	95/72/pc	96/72/s
San Diego	82/74/s	84/73/c
San Francisco	77/60/s	78/60/pc
San Juan, PR	92/79/t	91/79/t
Seattle	77/57/pc	74/55/pc
Spokane, WA	91/60/s	83/50/pc
Syracuse	81/65/pc	84/65/t
Tampa	92/76/t	92/78/t
Wichita	92/67/pc	91/67/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	71/55/r	77/55/sh
Amsterdam	77/64/pc	81/64/c
Athens	96/78/s	97/77/s
Auckland	64/50/sh	64/52/pc
Baghdad	119/93/pc	116/88/s
Bangkok	93/81/r	93/81/r
Beijing	80/71/sh	86/68/r
Berlin	76/57/s	81/62/s
Bogota	67/50/r	68/49/r
Brussels	78/62/pc	82/63/t
Buenos Aires	62/56/pc	62/52/sh
Cairo	101/78/pc	100/78/pc
Caracas	78/67/r	79/67/r
Copenhagen	71/56/pc	71/61/pc
Dakar	89/82/r	90/81/pc
Dublin	69/58/sh	66/58/sh
Edinburgh	69/57/c	67/58/c
Frankfurt	78/64/pc	87/67/pc
Geneva	84/61/pc	84/65/t
Ham., Bermuda	88/79/pc	87/79/s
Helsinki	71/49/pc	71/49/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	93/79/r	88/80/r
Hong Kong	89/82/t	89/83/sh
Islamabad	96/78/pc	97/80/pc
Istanbul	86/72/s	86/71/s
Jerusalem	91/71/s	91/71/s
Johannesburg	77/49/pc	70/47/pc
Kabul	90/65/pc	91/66/pc
Kingston, Jam.	92/81/r	93/82/s
Kolkata	91/81/r	91/81/r
Kyiv	75/55/c	72/56/pc
Lagos	84/76/r	84/77/r
Lima	77/69/s	76/68/s
Lisbon	74/63/sh	73/61/pc
London	80/65/sh	76/59/sh
Madrid	84/62/pc	76/55/sh
Manila	92/80/r	88/78/t
Mexico City	76/56/r	77/58/c
Montreal	77/62/pc	81/63/t
Moscow	64/50/sh	67/51/c
Mumbai	89/81/r	88/81/r
Nairobi	81/56/pc	79/56/pc
New Delhi	91/80/t	95/82/t
Oslo	78/55/s	75/54/pc
Ottawa	77/59/pc	77/55/t
Paris	84/65/pc	81/62/t
Prague	70/54/c	80/59/pc
Rio de Janeiro	74/70/c	77/68/pc
Riyadh	113/85/s	113/84/s
Rome	91/72/s	92/73/pc
San Salvador	90/69/r	92/69/t
Santiago	57/46/sh	62/43/r
Sarajevo	88/58/t	95/65/s
Seoul	90/77/c	89/75/t
Shanghai	93/82/s	92/81/sh
Singapore	90/81/t	90/80/t
Stockholm	71/44/pc	70/48/pc
Sydney	65/58/sh	65/49/pc
Taipei City	88/78/sh	93/82/r
Tehran	99/80/pc	100/81/pc
Tokyo	94/80/pc	86/78/t
Toronto	77/66/pc	79/58/t
Vienna	81/60/pc	86/66/s
Warsaw	73/53/s	76/54/s

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

* AccuWeather's **RealFeel Temperature®** combines over a dozen factors for an accurate measure of how the conditions really "feel."



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

How much wood would a woodpecker peck?

A northern flicker perches on a tree branch on the grounds of the Capitol on Tuesday. Unlike some other woodpeckers, the northern flicker prefers to find its food on the ground, with ants being a particular favorite.

The Washington Post

CLASSIFIED

C1

washingtonpost.com/classifieds

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

EZ

the local expert on local jobs
washingtonpost.com/recruit

homes for sale, commercial real estate
washingtonpost.com/realestate

rentals
washingtonpost.com/rentals

merchandise, garage sales, auctions, tickets
washingtonpost.com/merchandise

dogs, cats, birds, fish
washingtonpost.com/pets

Trustee Sales 202-334-5782
mypublicnotices.com/washingtonpost/PublicNotice.asp

For Recruitment advertisements, go to **washingtonpost.com/recruit** or call 202-334-4100 (toll free 1-800-765-3675)

To place an ad, go to **washingtonpostads.com** or call 202-334-6200
Non-commercial advertisers can now place ads 24/7 by calling 202-334-6200

Legal Notices: 202-334-7007
Auctions, Estate Sales, Furniture: 202-334-7029
Biz Ops/Services: 202-334-5787

815 Legal Notices

Public Notice for OCC Application

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MERGER OF BANKS

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 7 Times Square, 10th Floor Mailroom, New York, NY 10036, for consent to merge Old Dominion National Bank ("Old Dominion"), Charlottesville, Virginia 22903 into The National Capital Bank of Washington ("National Capital Bank"), Washington, D.C. 20003. It is contemplated that the main/home offices and branch offices of the above-named banks will continue to operate. This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on this application by August 31, 2026 to: Debbie Burke, Director for Licensing, 7 Times Square, 10th Floor Mailroom, New York, NY 10036 or by emailing LicensingPublicComments@occ.treas.gov. Requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be made to the Director for Licensing 7 Times Square, 10th Floor Mailroom, New York, NY 10036 or by emailing Licensing@occ.treas.gov.

August 1, 2026

Old Dominion National Bank, Charlottesville, Virginia
The National Capital Bank of Washington, Washington, D.C.

This announcement is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell Shares (as defined below). The Offer (as defined below) is made solely by the Offer to Purchase (as defined below), dated August 24, 2026, and the related Letter of Transmittal (as defined below) and any amendments or supplements thereto. The Offer is not being made to (nor will tenders be accepted from or on behalf of) holders of Shares in any jurisdiction in which the making of the Offer or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities, "blue sky" or other laws of such jurisdiction or any administrative or judicial action pursuant thereto. Purchaser (as defined below) may, in its discretion, take such action as it deems necessary to make the Offer to holders of Shares in such jurisdiction. In those jurisdictions where applicable laws require that the Offer be made by a licensed broker or dealer, the Offer will be deemed to be made on behalf of Purchaser by one or more registered brokers or dealers licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction to be designated by Purchaser.

Notice of Offer to Purchase for Cash

Up to 500,000 Shares of Common Stock

of

Marvell Technology, Inc.

at

$300.00 Net Per Share

by Tutanota LLC

Tutanota LLC, a limited liability company established pursuant to the laws of the Island of Nevis ("Purchaser"), is offering to purchase up to 500,000 outstanding shares of common stock, par value $0.002 per share, or such lesser number of shares as may be validly tendered and not properly withdrawn (the "Shares"), of Marvell Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), at a purchase price of $300.00 per Share (the "Offer Price"), net to the seller in cash, without interest thereon and less any applicable withholding taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated August 24, 2026 (the "Offer to Purchase"), and in the related letter of transmittal (the "Letter of Transmittal" and, together with the Offer to Purchase, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Offer"). Tendering shareholders whose Shares are registered in their names and who tender directly to Tutanota LLC, the depositary for the Offer (the "Depositary"), will not be obligated to pay brokerage fees or commissions or, except as set forth in the Letter of Transmittal, transfer taxes on the purchase of Shares by Purchaser pursuant to the Offer. Shareholders who hold their Shares through a broker, bank or other institution should consult with such institution as to whether it will charge any service fees or commissions.

THE OFFER, PRORATION PERIOD AND WITHDRAWAL RIGHTS WILL EXPIRE AT 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, UNLESS THE OFFER IS EXTENDED OR EARLIER TERMINATED.

The Offer is not conditioned upon the tender of any minimum number of Shares; however, the Offer is conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver (where applicable) of a number of conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, including, among other things, the closing price of the Shares on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on the last full trading day prior to the Expiration Date exceeding the Offer Price and Purchaser obtaining all financing necessary to fund Purchaser's financial obligations arising from the Offer. The term "Expiration Date" means 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Monday, September 28, 2026, unless Purchaser shall have extended the period during which the Offer is open, in which case the term "Expiration Date" means the latest time and date at which the Offer, as so extended, expires. As of the date of the Offer to Purchase, Purchaser expects to extend the Offer for successive periods of 45 to 180 days until the market price of the Shares exceeds the Offer Price. Subject to the terms set forth in the Offer to Purchase and applicable law, Purchaser expressly reserves the right, at any time, in its sole discretion, to waive, in whole or in part, any condition of the Offer, or to modify the terms of the Offer. If Purchaser makes a material change in the terms of the Offer or the information concerning the Offer or waives a material condition of the Offer, Purchaser may be required, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), to extend the Offer for up to an additional 10 business days. The information required to be disclosed pursuant to the Exchange Act is contained in the Offer to Purchase and is incorporated herein by reference. Any extension, delay, waiver or material amendment of the Offer will be followed as promptly as practicable by public announcement thereof, such announcement in the case of an extension to be made no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the otherwise scheduled Expiration Date in accordance with applicable law.

The Offer is not made for the purpose of acquiring or influencing control of the business of the Company. In order to tender Shares, the documents, signatures and/or information described in the Offer to Purchase must be received by the Depositary on or prior to the Expiration Date. Shares tendered pursuant to the Offer may be withdrawn at any time on or prior to the Expiration Date, and, unless accepted for payment pursuant to the Offer, may also be withdrawn at any time after the date that is two weeks following the Expiration Date, as the same may be extended, unless such Shares have already been accepted for payment, in each case pursuant to the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase. If, as of the Expiration Date, more than 500,000 Shares are validly tendered and not properly withdrawn, Purchaser will, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Offer, accept for payment and pay for only 500,000 Shares on a pro rata basis, with adjustments to avoid purchases of fractional Shares.

The Offer has been commenced without obtaining the prior approval or recommendation of the board of directors of the Company. Neither the approval nor the recommendation of the Company's board of directors is required under applicable law for this tender offer transaction to be commenced or completed.

Under no circumstances will interest on the Offer Price for Shares be paid to the shareholders of the Company, regardless of any delay in payment for such Shares.

The receipt of cash as payment for the Shares pursuant to the Offer will be a taxable transaction for United States federal income tax purposes. For a summary of the material United States federal income tax consequences of the Offer, see the Offer to Purchase. **Each holder of Shares should consult his, her or its own tax advisor regarding the United States federal income tax consequences of the Offer in light of his, her or its particular circumstances, as well as any federal estate, gift or other tax consequences that may arise under the laws of any United States local, state or federal or non-United States taxing jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in such tax laws.**

Upon request, the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal and other relevant materials will be mailed to record holders of Shares and furnished to brokers, dealers, banks, trust companies and similar persons whose names, or the names of whose nominees, appear on the Company's shareholder list or, if applicable, who are listed as participants in a clearing agency's security position listing, for subsequent transmittal to beneficial owners of Shares. **The Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal contain important information about the Offer which should be read in their entirety before any decision is made with respect to the Offer.** Questions regarding the Offer and requests for copies of the Offer to Purchase, the Letter of Transmittal and all other tender offer materials may be directed to Tutanota LLC, in its capacity as the information agent for the Offer, at (888) 519-8569 or contact@info-agent.com, and copies will be furnished promptly at Purchaser's expense.

August 24, 2026

Business and Financial Opportunities /Services
Call 202-334-5787 or email businessopps@washpost.com

1375 Business Broker Services

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! **1-855-337-5228 dental50plus.com/MDDC#6258**

Manage your print subscription!
wapo.st/my-post
S0435_1x1

T JOBS

Transportation Engineer Collab w othr engrs., clnts., stkhldrs. to idntfy & dev. tech. sltns. & dsgns.; Prdc tnsptn. dsgn. plns., specifics, & est. pckgs. ;Perf. traffic eng. Stds., analys. & mdlng. ;Utilize traffic simltn. sftwr.to assess impct. of rdwy. dsgns. & imprvmts.;Trblsht. & reslv. issues wthn. assign tnsptn. prjcts,;Wrk.with pblc. agencies & pvt. clnts. to dev. & implmt. prjct plns;Implmt. recmd. for imprvg. eng. prcs.stds. & docmtn. Min. Rqmts: Master's Deg. in Civil Eng. or related. 12 months exp. in the job offered. Verif. references. Knwl. of or exp. in prep. transportation design plans, specifications, & cost estimates involving temporary traffic control, traffic signals, signing, pavement markings, lighting systems, utilities, & roadway geometry. Knwl. of or exp. in utilizing MicroStation software to develop detailed design deliverables in compliance with client and regulatory standards. Knwl. of or exp. in troubleshooting & resolving design issues during planning and engineering phases. Resumes to job loc: Precision Systems, Inc., 99 M Street, S.E., Suite 750, Washington DC 20003. ATTN: Harlen Valenzuela..

Give the gift of information
Gift subscriptions
washingtonpost.com/my-post
The Washington Post
S0390-1x1

840 Trustees Sale - DC

TRUSTEE'S SALE
836 5th Street Northeast, Washington, DC 20002

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 836 5th Street N.E., Washington, DC 20002. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated April 14, 2022, and recorded on April 19, 2022, as Doc # 2022042957 among the land records of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, in the original principal amount of $850,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the offices of HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015 202-463-4567, on **September 22, 2026, at 12:30 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Lot 34, Square 808

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within Thirty (30) days after the final ratification of the sale. The sale of the subject property is expressly made subject to the ratification of the Sale by the Court.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 24-296748.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

Gregory N. Britto, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(703) 927-1883

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.
5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Ste 440
Washington, DC 20015
202-463-4567
www.hwestauctions.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9,16, 2026 0012523936

851 Prince Georges County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
7805 Pinewood Drive, Clinton, MD 20735

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 7805 Pinewood Drive, Clinton, MD 20735. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated August 24, 2021, and recorded in Liber 47129 at Page 278 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $348,570.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM,** all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 09-0941088

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-294740.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524238

851 Prince Georges County

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
312 Marshall Avenue, Suite 800
Laurel, MD 20707
www.mwc-law.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1321 KAREN BOULEVARD, UNIT #310
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sherry A. Murphy, dated May 27, 2008 and recorded in Liber 29818, folio 251 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:17 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and described as Unit numbered 310, in Building numbered "2", The Addison at St. Paul's Condominium II and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $17,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 6.125% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #25-600644).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524855

Tech Jobs

Business and Data Analyst
Analyze structured/unstructured data. Develop reports, dashboards & visualizations. Identify trends & process improvements. Maintain databases & analytical solutions. Develop AI agents. Ensure data accuracy & integrity.
Req: Master's in Bus Statistics, Bus Analytics or Data Analytics. Knowledge of Excel, SQL, R or Python; Power BI or Tableau; large datasets & relational databases. Hybrid work. Position based in Savage, MD. Resumes: hr@versatechinc.com.

Saint Gabriel Healthcare Services LLC d/b/a Saint Gabriel Healthcare Services LLC is applying for a Certificate of Need for a Establishment of Home Health Services. A Letter of Intent will be filed with the District of Columbia State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA). The facility will be located at 1801 CLYDESDALE PLACE NW in Ward 1. For additional information contact the SHPDA at 202-442- 5875.

WELL+BEING
Tips and guidance on food, fitness and mental health.
washingtonpost.com/wellbeing
S0437 1x2

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al
6001 Executive Blvd. Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trusties /Plaintiffs,

VS.

CHELSEY WILLIAMS
63 Inkberry Circle
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Defendant(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-25-002990

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **9th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in this proceedings and described as **63 Inkberry Circle, Gaithersburg, MD 20877**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **9th day of September, 2026**.
The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$495,895.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
CLERK, CIRCUIT COUNTY
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
MARYLAND

ID#MD-376405

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524501

Manage your print subscription!
wapo.st/my-post
S0435_1x.75

851 Prince Georges County

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
312 Marshall Avenue, Suite 800
Laurel, MD 20707
www.mwc-law.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

3816 SUNFLOWER CIRCLE
BOWIE, MD 20721

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Michael Clements a/k/a Michael W. Clements and Karen P. Clements, dated July 7, 2006 and recorded in Liber 25729, folio 595 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $38,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #14-601805).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524854

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al
6001 Executive Blvd. Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trusties /Plaintiffs,

VS.

KITANNA L. MAYO
3611 Lowell Place
Silver Spring, MD 20902
Defendant(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-26-001436

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **10th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in this proceedings and described as **3611 Lowell Place, Silver Spring, MD 20902**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **9th day of September, 2026**.
The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$391,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
CLERK, CIRCUIT COUNTY
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
MARYLAND

ID#MD-357891-3

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524444

Give the gift of information
Gift subscriptions
washingtonpost.com/my-post
The Washington Post
S0390-1x1

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NICOLE LIPINSKI
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff

V.

GABRIELLE ANDRICE SIMPSON
Defendant

Civil No.: C-15-CV-26-000308

NOTICE OF SALE

13809 Palmer House Way
33-244, Silver Spring,
MD 20904

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY this **10th day of August, 2026,** that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by NICOLE LIPINSKI, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9th day of September, 2026**, provided, a copy of this notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, once in each of three successive weeks, before the **9th day of September, 2026**. The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$272,500.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk Circuit Court for
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524503

WELL+BEING
Tips and guidance on food, fitness and mental health.
washingtonpost.com/wellbeing
S0437 1x1

851 Prince Georges County

Samuel I. White, P.C.
448 VIKING DRIVE, SUITE 350
VIRIGINA BEACH, VA 23452

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
709 58th Avenue
Fairmount Heights, MD 20743

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to BRIAN J. EVANS, Trustee(s), dated June 17, 2019, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 42291, folio 233, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOTS TWENTY-TWO (22) AND TWENTY-THREE (23) IN BLOCK D IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS"FAIRMONTHEIGHTS", AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PLAT NO. 85 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.25% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

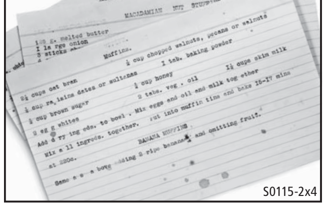
The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.
Trustee's File No. (80006)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524795

Recipe finder
Search our database of tested recipes by ingredient or name.
washingtonpost.com/recipes
The Washington Post



S0115-2x4

851 Prince Georges County

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

1300 MINNESOTA WAY
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 27, 2005, recorded in Liber 23361, Folio 597 and re-recorded in Liber 24799, Folio 358 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $357,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:44 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $31,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 345492-2)

Andrew J. Brenner, et. al., Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524153

---

851 Prince Georges County

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

9200 EDWARDS WAY, UNIT #713
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20783

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 24, 2019, recorded in Liber 43077, Folio 525 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $122,735.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:28 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and described as Unit numbered Seven Hundred Thirteen (713), in The Racquet Club Condominium and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $12,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 371729-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524847

---

851 Prince Georges County

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

16319 PEWTER LANE
BOWIE, MD 20716

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 13, 2007, recorded in Liber 28786, Folio 59 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $225,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:26 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 375619-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524846

---

851 Prince Georges County

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

1523 PACIFIC AVENUE
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 31, 2017, recorded in Liber 39906, Folio 343 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $249,865.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:22 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359425-2)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524844

---

851 Prince Georges County

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7903 ETON LANE
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2025, recorded in Liber 50714, Folio 211 and re-recorded in Liber 51731, Folio 344 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $392,755.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:48 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $39,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 383387-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524155

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

10100 MUIRFIELD DRIVE
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 23, 2008, recorded in Liber 29247, Folio 100 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $362,138.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 374817-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524849

---

850 Montgomery County

**IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
FOR
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**Case No. C-15-CV-26-003147
COMMERCIAL FORECLOSURE**

**LAURA S. BOUYEA AND
DAREK S. BUSHNAQ,
Substitute Trustees,
Plaintiffs**

v.

**8701 GEORGIA LLC,
Defendant.**

ORDER NISI

ORDERED this 11th day of August 2026, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in the above captioned proceedings, located at **8701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910,** as more particularly described in the Refinance Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated as of January 3, 2019 ("**Deed of Trust**"), by and between 8701 Georgia LLC, as Trustor ("**Grantor**") and David A. Deckelbaum, Trustee, for the benefit of Citi Real Estate Funding Inc., as beneficiary ("**Original Lender**"), in the principal amount of $12,900,000.00, recorded on or about January 15, 2019, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland (the "**Land Records**") in Book 57117, Page 323, having been assigned by Original Lender to Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of Benchmark 2019-B9 Mortgage Trust, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2019-B9 (the "**Trust**"), pursuant to that certain Assignment of Refinance Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated as of February 14, 2019, recorded among the Land Records on March 19, 2019, in Book 57330, Page 211, and having been further assigned by the Trust to BMARK 2019-B9 Georgia Avenue, LLC, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Refinance Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing effective as of June 15, 2026, and recorded in the Land Records on June 17, 2026, at Book 70622, Page 291, the Trustees having been substitute in as trustees under the Deed of Trust pursuant to a Deed of Removal of Trustee and Appointment of Substitute Trustees dated May 12, 2026, and recorded in the Land Records on May 12, 2026, at Book 70476, Page 367, made and reported in this cause by Laura S. Bouyea and Darek S. Bushnaq, Trustees, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **10th day of September 2026**, provided a copy of this Order Nisi be inserted in some newspaper published in Montgomery County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **10th day of September, 2026.** The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be Two Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**$2,850,000.00**).

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524514

---

851 Prince Georges County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

**KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**THE ESTATE OF JOANNE C.
HUTCHESON, et al,
Defendants.**

Case No.C-16-CV-26-002287

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **11th day of August, 2026** that the sale of the property in this case, **1910 IVERSON STREET, TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**, reported by Kendall Clark, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **11th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE’S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **11th day of September, 2026**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$276,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524524

---

851 Prince Georges County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE’S,
MARYLAND**

**WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)**

vs.

**TINA MARIE THOMAS
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)**

CIVIL NO: C-16-CV-25-005918

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **6 day of August, 2026** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George’s, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Angela M. Tonello, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **1700 Crimson Place, Bowie, MD 20721** , and reported, in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **7 day of September, 2026** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Prince George’s once a week for three successive weeks before the **7 day of September, 2026**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$378,140.95**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE’S

Trustees File#: 22-292041

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524274

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

**KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**KEYAUNTA M. REDFEARN,
et al,
Defendants.**

Case No.C-16-CV-26-002447

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **19th day of August, 2026** that the sale of the property in this case, **5759 FALKLAND PL CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**, reported by Kendall Clark, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **21st day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE’S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **21st day of September, 2026**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$224,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524925

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

**MORGAN ORMSBY
SARA ORMSBY
4113 Cottage Terrace
Brentwood, MD 20722
Defendant(s).**

Case No.C-16-CV-25-006557

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **6th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **4113 Cottage Terrace, Brentwood, MD 20722** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **8th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **8th day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$294,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George’s County,
Maryland

ID#MD-380086

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524242

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

11608 SYLVIA LANE
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2014, recorded in Liber 35905, Folio 29 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $231,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:24 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 382511-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524845

Friedman Vartolo LLP
1325 Franklin Avenue Suite 160
Garden City, NY 11530
212-471-5100

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

5953 SURRATTS VILLAGE DRIVE
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ernest Boykin, III, dated August 31, 2023 and recorded in Liber 49164, folio 197 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:10 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George’s County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Property Address (for Informational Purposes): 5953 Surratts Village Drive, Clinton MD 20735

Tax ID Number: 09-0974881

The foreclosure sale advertised herein has been docketed in the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland, as Case No. C-16-CV-26-002966

The property, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier’s or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $24,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 9.25000% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser’s sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #244873-4).

Adam Friedman, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524841

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES’ SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

8913 WOODBURN COURT
LANHAM, MD 20706

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 25, 2005, recorded in Liber 21544, Folio 91 among the Land Records of Prince George’s County, MD, with an original principal balance of $256,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11:32 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George’s County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an “as is” condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 in the form of certified check, cashier’s check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser’s default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser’s sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 33505-2)

Andrew J. Brenner, et. al., Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524848

851 **Prince Georges County** | 851 **Prince Georges County**

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

5832 CARLYLE STREET
CHEVERLY, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 20, 2005, recorded in Liber 24709, Folio 135 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $316,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 37683-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524162

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

15106 JERIMIAH LANE
BOWIE, MD 20721

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 31, 2003, recorded in Liber 18932, Folio 632 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $241,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:54 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $12,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 381626-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524158

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

1104 GATEWAY PARK COURT
DISTRICT HEIGHTS I/R/T/A CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2021, recorded in Liber 46094, Folio 588 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $489,864.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:52 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $48,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359035-2)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524157

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7014 NIMITZ DRIVE
DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 16, 2013, recorded in Liber 35342, Folio 177 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $122,750.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:50 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 339303-5)

Andrew J. Brenner, et. al. Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524156

---

851 **Prince Georges County** | 851 **Prince Georges County**

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

4815 WILLES VISION DRIVE
BOWIE, MD 20720

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 9, 2022, recorded in Liber 48129, Folio 136 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $825,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:46 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $74,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 378813-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524154

---

851 **Prince Georges County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

SHAWNETTE MELISSA JAMES
16710 Maylon Court
Brandywine, MD 20613
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-26-001988

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **5 day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **16710 Maylon Court, Brandywine, MD 20613** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **7 day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **7 day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$753,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-382919

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524243

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

CHUKWUEMEKA N. IRONO
40 Bayou Avenue
Capital Heights, MD 20743
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-25-006232

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **6th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **40 Bayou Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **8th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **8th day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$302,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-85106-3

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524240

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

CLEMENT O. ADEYEMI
8606 Brae Brooke Drive
Lanham, MD 20706
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-26-000499

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **6 day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **8606 Brae Brooke Drive, Lanham, MD 20706** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **7 day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **7 day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$259,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-331528-2

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524275

---

851 **Prince Georges County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

David Crocker
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-26-002259

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **19th day of August, 2026**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **8469 Greenbelt Rd #201, Greenbelt, MD 20770** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Joanna Foronda, Mary L. Hurley, Paul J. Moran, Jason N. Greenberg and John Ansell III, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **18th day of September, 2026**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **18th day of September, 2026**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$165,750.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Orlans 25-016440

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524915

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Estate of Morlai Kamara AKA Morlai Alimany Kamara
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-26-002536

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **19th day of August, 2026**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **9061 Congress Place, Hyattsville, MD 20785** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Mary L. Hurley, Paul J. Moran, Joanna Foronda and John Ansell III, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **21st day of September, 2026**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **21st day of September, 2026**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$193,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Orlans 15-700039

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524913

MARYLAND:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Civil Action No.
C-16-CV-26-000919

SUDEB BASU,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Plaintiff,

v.

STEAVE YANDE
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE OF 1719 Tulip Ave., District Heights, MD 20772

Notice is hereby given by the Prince George's County Circuit Court that the sale for the property, **1719 Tulip Ave., District Heights, MD 20772**, made and reported by Sudeb Basu, Substitute Trustee will be ratified unless cause to the contrary be shown within 30 days after the date of this notice.
A copy of this notice shall be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks before the expiration of the 30-day period in the Washington Post, a newspaper of general circulation in Prince George's County.
The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$245,000.00.**

Dated: 08-05-2026

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524541

---

851 **Prince Georges County** | 851 **Prince Georges County**

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
312 Marshall Avenue, Suite 800
Laurel, MD 20707
www.mwc-law.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

3823 HAMILTON STREET, UNIT #202
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20781

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ndibulum Hazel Richardson a/k/a Hazel Richardson, dated October 25, 2019 and recorded in Liber 42762, folio 91 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:22 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and described as Unit numbered Two Hundred Two (202) in Building Lettered "B", in the subdivision known as "Section Two, Park Place" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $16,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #25-600160).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524148

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as **4804 Forest Pines Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772**. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 16, 2017, and recorded in Liber 40004 at Page 42 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $383,939.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-5547663

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-294076.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012523943

---

851 **Prince Georges County** | 851 **Prince Georges County**

Friedman Vartolo LLP
1325 Franklin Avenue Suite 160
Garden City, NY 11530
212-471-5100

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

6995 ROSECRANS DRIVE
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Aida Arefaine, dated October 13, 2023 and recorded in Liber 49374, folio 134 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Property Address (for Informational Purposes): 6995 Rosecrans Drive, Temple Hills MD 20748

Tax ID Number: 09-5663923

The foreclosure sale advertised herein has been docketed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, as Case No. C-16-CV-26-002715

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $54,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 9.99000% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #245476-7).

Adam Friedman, et al, Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524144

TRUSTEE'S SALE
3103 Southern Avenue Unit 33, Temple Hills, MD 20748

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3103 Southern Avenue Unit 33, Temple Hills, MD 20748. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated May 24, 2007, and recorded in Liber 28096 at Page 448 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $82,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-3287299

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-300086.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012523937

The Washington Post | Store

851 Prince Georges County | **851 Prince Georges County**

TRUSTEE'S SALE
10907 Marlboro Crossing Court, Cheltenham, MD 20623

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 10907 Marlboro Crossing Court, Cheltenham, MD 20623 . By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 7, 2012, and recorded in Liber 33570 at Page 377 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $525,230.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 11-3704459

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-299124.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST
AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012522068

TRUSTEE'S SALE
5505 Old Silver Hill Road, District Heights, MD 20747

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 5505 Old Silver Hill Road, District Heights, MD 20747. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated July 21, 2006, and recorded in Liber 26320 at Page 507 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $360,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM,** all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-0552554 and 06-0552562

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 18-276415.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST
AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012523673

---

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR
FREDERICK COUNTY,
MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000217
Other Reference Numbers:

BRENNAN FERGUSON, ET AL.

VS.

WINTON JORDAN

Date: 08/10/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **10th day of August, 2026** that the sale made and recorded by John C. Hanrahan, Esq. for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

1813 Free Terrace,
Frederick, MD 21702

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$291,000.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

B&S File No.: 23-24270 FC02

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524502

---

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR
FREDERICK COUNTY,
MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000093
Other Reference Numbers:

BRENNAN FERGUSON, ET AL.

VS.

GRIFFIN LYNCH

Date: 08/13/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **13th day of August, 2026,** that the sale made and recorded by John C. Hanrahan for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

1574 Wilmer Park Ln,
Frederick, MD 21703

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks.
The report states the amount of the sale to be **$353,010.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

B&S File No.: 25-30070 FC01

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524592

WELL+BEING
Tips and guidance on food, fitness and mental health.
washingtonpost.com/wellbeing
S0437 1x.75

Manage your print subscription!
wapo.st/my-post
S0435_1x.75

---

851 Prince Georges County | **851 Prince Georges County**

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
312 Marshall Avenue, Suite 800
Laurel, MD 20707
www.mwc-law.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

907 57TH PLACE
FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Louis Vincent Jackson, Fidela E. Jackson and Vincent S. Jackson, dated January 27, 2015 and recorded in Liber 37181, folio 579 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:20 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $17,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #26-600372).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524147

TRUSTEE'S SALE
7529 Courtney Place, Landover, MD 20785

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 7529 Courtney Place, Landover, MD 20785 . By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated August 4, 2008, and recorded in Liber 29975 at Page 597 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $110,738.78. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 18-2052017

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-300308.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST
AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012521813

The Washington Post | Store

---

852 Anne Arundel County | **852 Anne Arundel County**

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

2001 CAMBRIDGE DRIVE
CROFTON, MD 21114

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 17, 2006, recorded in Liber 17832, Folio 334 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $325,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 9:35 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 203129-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et. al., Substitute Trustees

LICENSE NOS. A000113, A000176, A000177, A000193, A000424, A000479, A000507, A000508

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524850

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

101 WALTON AVENUE
BROOKLYN, MD 21225

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 29, 2009, recorded in Liber 21903, Folio 82 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $202,482.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 9:37 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 376176-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

LICENSE NOS. A000113, A000176, A000177, A000193, A000424, A000479, A000507, A000508

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524851

---

852 Anne Arundel County | **852 Anne Arundel County**

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

417 HARLEM AVENUE
PASADENA, MD 21122

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Robert B. Gaither, Sr. and Yvonne M. Gaither dated May 3, 2007 and recorded in Liber 19080, folio 141 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-523-10838200.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-002032-MD-F-1.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Trustees.

LICENSE NOS. A000113, A000176, A000177, A000193, A000424, A000479, A000507, A000508

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524130

TRUSTEE'S SALE
8104 Quarterfield Road, Severn, MD 21144

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 8104 Quarterfield Road, Severn, MD 21144. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 27, 2006, and recorded in Liber 18545 at Page 570 among the land records of the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, in the original principal amount of $496,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **September 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 04-814-90098087

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 17-271875.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

A181, A316, A311, A183, A425, A426, A461, A463, A508

HARVEY WEST
AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524062

---

852 Anne Arundel County | **852 Anne Arundel County**

Aldridge Pite LLP
6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

8012 STONE HAVEN DRIVE
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 29, 2006, recorded in Liber 18357, Folio 118 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $355,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 9:40 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355207-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

LICENSE NOS. A000113, A000176, A000177, A000193, A000424, A000479, A000507, A000508

ALEX COOPER
auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524151

TRUSTEE'S SALE
1545 Hodges Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1545 Hodges Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD 21060. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated May 8, 2019, and recorded in Liber 33136 at Page 320 among the land records of the County of Anne Arundel, in the original principal amount of $304,385.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **September 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM,** all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-748-15054000

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 19-285394.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

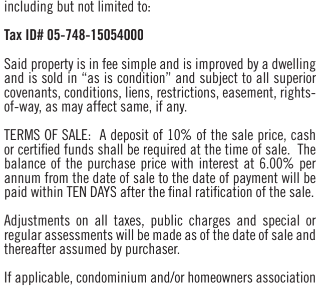
William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

A181, A316, A311, A183, A425, A426, A461, A463, A508

HARVEY WEST
AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012523306


more TECH?
Washington Post newsletters deliver more.
washingtonpost.com/newsletters
S0114 2x2

853 Calvert County

McMichael Taylor Gray LLC
6 N. East Street, Suite 202
Frederick, MD 21701
404-474-7149

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

3420 SILVERTON LANE
CHESAPEAKE BEACH, MD 20732

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 26, 2021, recorded in Liber 5885, Folio 211 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, with an original principal balance of $250,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 2:10 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-170454.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $26,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 25-000936-03)

Diana Theologou, et al., Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524823

---

852 Anne Arundel County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
3268 Rolling Road, Edgewater, MD 21037

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3268 Rolling Road, Edgewater, MD 21037. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 24, 2015, and recorded in Liber 29090 at Page 76 among the land records of the County of Anne Arundel, in the original principal amount of $435,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **September 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 01-000-05195400

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293845.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

A181, A316, A311, A183, A425, A426, A461, A463, A508

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012522532

---

853 Calvert County

COMMISSIONER'S SALE – NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE
90 Grovefield Lane, Owings, Maryland 20736

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE, made this Fifth day of August, 2026, by Richard A. Lash, Foreclosure Commissioner:

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2011, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Thomas E. Wedge, who died October 28, 2017, as trustor in favor of MAS Associates, LLC DBA Equity Mortgage Lending as beneficiary and Real Estate Title & Escrow as trustee, and was recorded on May 9, 2011, in Liber 03713, Folio 465 in the office of the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary" or "HUD") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated April 4, 2017, and recorded on April 21, 2017, in Liber 4979, Folio 342, in the office of the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust due to violation of 9(a)(i): A borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of July 24, 2026 is $878,270.01; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Buonassissi, Henning & Lash, P.C. as Foreclosure Commissioner, notice is hereby given that on **September 1, 2026 at 2:45 PM** local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

Commonly known as:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of CALVERT, State of Maryland, and is described as follows:

All of Lot Numbered Nine (9) as shown on a plat entitled "PLAT ONE, GROVER'S SUMMIT", as per plat thereof duly recorded among the land records of Calvert County, Maryland in Liber ABE No. 5, Folio 247.

For informational purposes only: The improvements thereon being known as 90 Grovefield Lane
Tax ID No.: 03-163571.

BEING the same property conveyed to Thomas E. Wedge by Deed from Thomas E. Wedge and Deloris A. Wedge, dated April 15, 2011 and recorded May 9, 2011 among the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland, in Liber 3713, folio 461.

WHEREAS Thomas E. Wedge departed this life on or about October 28, 2017, vesting title in the Duly Appointed Personal Representative of the Thomas E. Wedge.

The sale will be held at **the front of the Circuit Court for Calvert County, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland.**

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid $885,270.11.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit 10% of the successful bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of 10% of the successful bid must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of $500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is $878,270.01 as of July 24, 2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: August 5, 2026

BUONASSISSI, HENNING & LASH, P.C.
Foreclosure Commissioner

By: Richard A. Lash, Esq.
12355 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 650
Reston, VA 20191
TEL: 703-796-1341 Ext.144
FAX: 1 (888) 252-7739

ALEX COOPER auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524181

---

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000065
Other Reference Numbers:

KEITH YACKO

VS.

JOHN VALOIS, ET AL.

Date: 08/18/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **18th day of August, 2026** that the sale made and recorded by Kendall E. Clark Esq. for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

8607 PINECLIFF DRIVE,
FREDERICK, MD 21704

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$400,800.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524859

---

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-24-000864
Other Reference Numbers:

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

VS.

JUDY HUGHES, ET AL.

Date: 08/18/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **18th day of August, 2026** that the sale made and recorded by Kendall E. Clark Esq. for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

257 DILL AVENUE,
FREDERICK, MD 21701

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$312,500.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524860

---

853 Calvert County

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

12470 DALTON TRAIL
LUSBY, MD 20657

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Huy Huu Hang n/k/a Lucky Hang dated January 31, 2007 and recorded in Liber 2929, folio 635 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 2:40 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #01-089757.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Calvert County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 25-004291-MD-F-1.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Trustees

ALEX COOPER auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524133

---

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000247
Other Reference Numbers:

KEITH YACKO

VS.

CERI MORELLO, ET AL.

Date: 08/06/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **6th day of August, 2026**, that the sale made and recorded by Kendall Clark for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

10694 Salem Ave,
Thurmont, MD 21788

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$306,000.00**.

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524264

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-25-001008
Other Reference Numbers:

ANDREW BRENNER

VS.

MARRIANNE BURTON
Date: 08/06/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this day, 6th day of August, 2026 that the sale made and recorded by Kimberly Mulkey for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

6737 Sandpiper Court,
Frederick, MD 21703

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks.
The report states the amount of the sale to be **$260,000.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524266

---

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000272
Other Reference Numbers:

DIANE ROSENBERG

VS.

BENJAMIN SWET

Date: 08/07/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **7th day of August, 2026** that the sale made and recorded by Sara Tussey for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

500 Heather Ridge Drive,
Unit: 6A,
Frederick, MD 21702

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$131,000.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524271

WELL+ BEING
Tips and guidance on food, fitness and mental health.
washingtonpost.com/wellbeing
S0437 1X3

---

855 Charles County

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
312 Marshall Avenue, Suite 800
Laurel, MD 20707
www.mwc-law.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

2980 CHESTNUT DRIVE
WALDORF, MD 20603

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Kimberly D. Davis, dated May 21, 2010 and recorded in Liber 7168, folio 53 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 1:10 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Charles County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $21,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5.000% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #22-600736).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

ALEX COOPER auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524857

---

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000453
Other Reference Numbers:

ANDREW BRENNER

VS.

KENNETH MCDONALD, JR.

Date: 08/12/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **12th day of August, 2026** that the sale made and recorded by Philip Shriver for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

8196 Honey Clover Court,
Frederick, MD 21702

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$473,000.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524540

---

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-23-000617
Other Reference Numbers:

CARRIE WARD

VS.

CARLA CASTRO

Date: 08/10/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **10th day of August, 2026** that the sale made and recorded by Philip Shriver for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

20 West Pennsylvania Avenue,
Walkersville, MD 21793

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks.
The report states the amount of the sale to be **$399,000.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524427

Manage your print subscription!
wapo.st/my-post
S0435_1x3

Give the gift of being in-the-know
Gift subscriptions
washingtonpost.com/my-post
The Washington Post
S0390-1x3

---

855 Charles County

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

4450 JIMMY GREENS PLACE
LA PLATA, MD 20646

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Larreic Green and Janniece Hill-Green dated March 12, 2009 and recorded in Liber 6803, folio 292 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 1:35 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #07-051182.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Charles County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-000760-MD-F-1.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Trustees

ALEX COOPER auctioneers
908 York Road • Towson, MD 21204 • 410.828.4838
www.alexcooper.com

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524132

---

872 Fairfax County

Trustee's Sale
4140 Fountainside Lane, #201,
Fairfax, VA 22030
(Parcel ID: 0562 143B0201)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 30, 1997, in the original principal amount of $64,500.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Fairfax, Virginia on October 31, 1997, in Deed Book 10160, at page 1662, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **September 29, 2026 at 12:45 PM**, in front of the building housing the County of Fairfax Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, the property designated as Condominium Unit No. D201, Phase 3, Building 3, Random Hills Condominium, in accordance with the Declaration of Condominium and Exhibits attached thereto, recorded in Deed Book 9761 at Page 709, as amended by Amendment to Condominium recorded in Deed Book 10067 at Page 1743, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of $6,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than $9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 5310 Markel Road, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23230, File No. 26-001100-VA, Tel: 804-525-1570.

Aug 26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524023

Manage your print subscription!
wapo.st/my-post

---

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
6292 Levi Court,
Springfield, VA 22150

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $52,500.00 dated January 11, 2007 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Fairfax County on January 16, 2007 as Instrument Number: 2007001243.015, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on **October 8, 2026** at 10:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL THAT CERTAIN Lot 263, Section Five (5), JAPONICA, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 9493, at Page 844, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia. Tax ID: 0911 23 0263.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $5,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(Trustee # 26-005982)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com

Jul 29,Aug 5,12,19,26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012523622

WELL+ BEING
Tips and guidance on food, fitness and mental health.
washingtonpost.com/wellbeing
S0437 1x2

more ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT?
Washington Post newsletters deliver more of what you're looking for.
Discover and subscribe for free at washingtonpost.com/newsletters
S0114 10x2

855 Charles County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
3523 Flagstone Street, Waldorf, MD 20601

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3523 Flagstone Street, Waldorf, MD 20601. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated October 5, 2021, and recorded in Liber 12151 at Page 73 among the land records of the County of Charles, in the original principal amount of $394,970.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CHARLES, at 200 Charles St (in the Breezeway between Circuit & District Courts), LaPlata, MD, on **September 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM,** all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-352538

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 24-297017.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012523048

---

855 Charles County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
3362 Lox Street, Indian Head, MD 20640

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3362 Lox Street, Indian Head, MD 20640. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated July 2, 2008, and recorded in Liber 06684 at Page 0380 among the land records of the County of Charles, in the original principal amount of $263,761.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CHARLES, at 200 Charles St (in the Breezeway between Circuit & District Courts), LaPlata, MD, on **September 15, 2026 at 12:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 07-067402

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 24-295899.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Aug 26,Sep 2,9, 2026 0012524703

The Washington Post | Store

---

873 Prince William County

Trustee's Sale
1533 Fort Sumter Ct,
Dumfries, VA 22026
(Parcel ID: 8189-90-0539)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 20, 2023, in the original principal amount of $351,500.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Prince William, Virginia on September 21, 2023, as Instrument Number 202309210049236, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **September 29, 2026 at 1:00 PM**, in front of the building housing the County of Prince William Circuit Court, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110, the property designated as Lot 17, Section 1, WILLIAMSTOWN, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 646 at Page 495 (Map Drawer 26, Page 14), among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of $35,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than $9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 5310 Markel Road, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23230, File No. 26-001367-VA, Tel: 804-525-1570.

Aug 26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524033

Give the gift of discovery

Gift subscriptions

washingtonpost.com/my-post

The Washington Post

S0390-1x1.5

Washington Post newsletters deliver more.
washingtonpost.com/newsletters

S0114 2x2

---

877 Spotsylvania County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
4402 WEXHAM COURT,
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 26, 2024, in the original principal amount of $337,600.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Spotsylvania County, Virginia as Instrument No. 240011898. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Fredericksburg, 701 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on **October 21, 2026, at 3:30 PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LEE HILL MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND KNOWN AS LOT 374, SECTION SEVEN, LANCASTER GATE SUBDIVISION, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON PLAT PREPARED BY SULLIVAN, DONAHOE AND INGALLS, DATED JULY 12, 1999 AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT FILE 7 AT PAGES 454 THRU 456.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepite.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically.

This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepite.com. VA-385118-1.

Aug 19,26,Sep 23, 2026 0012524738

245 Electronics

Get DISH Satellite TV + Internet! Get DISH Satellite TV + Internet! Free Install, Free HD-DVR Upgrade, 80,000 On-Demand Movies, Plus Limited Time Up To $600 In Gift Cards. Call Today! 1-855-407-6870

265 Home & Garden

No more cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-844-566-3227 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Get 15% off your entire order. Plus, Military & Seniors get an additional 10% off. Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details.

275 Merchandise Wanted

LOOK
$ BUYING $
MOTORCYCLES

BUYING
ALL MOTORCYCLES
BEFORE 1995
ALL MAKES & MODELS
ANY CONDITION!
$CASH PAID$
RUNNING OR NOT.
CALL: (315)-569-8094
OR E-MAIL:
Cyclerestoration@aol.com
Location:Fairfax,VA

610 Dogs for Sale

Pembroke Welsh Corgi The puppies in this litter are from AKC Registered parents and each puppy comes with their own AKC papers. Father comes from an AKC champion bloodline. Mother is AKC DNA tested and cleared on everything including DM, EIC, and VonW/vWD. We have hard copies of both parents AKC Pedigree showing their AKC lineage 5 generations back.
Puppies have been raised around kids since birth, and socialized with people of all ages, cats, and other dogs every single day. They are potty trained to hold it throughout the night and to potty outside in the morning. They are stairs trained as well.
They each come with a health shots/vaccinations and deworming record, and a AKC puppy beginners folder kit that includes 30 free days of AKC health insurance.
There are 2 males left (they are Black/Tri color).
Puppies are 12 weeks old and ready to go to their new homes (8/20/26).
Price is $1300 per puppy.
Please text or call me at 703-498-7755.
Thank you!

Fairfax County VA

Falls Church

2884 Yarn Court $786,000.00
Rare Find! Only 6 units built with 40 ft length! 200 sq ft more living space. Skylights. Cathedral ceilings. Dentil/other crown moulding throughout. Pella built-in-miniblinds windows and doors! Bellawood bloodwood, white/red oak floors. 36" Wolf stove/oven, Kohler soaking tubs, Robuurn, Grohe, Strasser, Swanstone, Granite baths, kitchen, built-ins. Leaded-glass/Cherry kitchen cabinets. Mirror-bifold closet and 3 pocket doors. Much more.
Pre-approved Only.
BurniceBeckwith@gmail.com

Houses Wanted to Buy

WE BUY HOUSES
We Buy Houses for Cash AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-866-541-7929.

WELL+BEING

Tips and guidance on food, fitness and mental health.

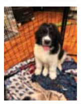
washingtonpost.com/wellbeing

S0437 1x1

---

610 Dogs for Sale

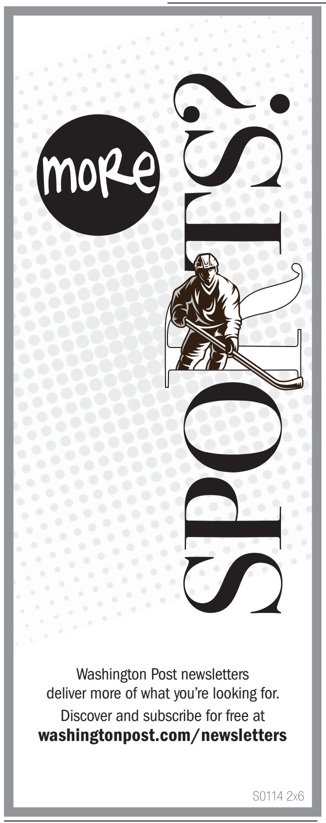
PUPPIES!



St. Berdoodle St. Berdoodle Puppies Available!
Looking for the perfect addition to your family? Our adorable St. Berdoodle puppies are ready to find their forever homes!
Beautiful Mix Between St. Bernard & Poodle!
These sweet pups are known for their loving personalities, playful nature, and fluffy, irresistible coats. They are raised with care and lots of love, giving them a wonderful start as happy family companions.
Adorable & loving personalities
Playful and affectionate
Beautiful, fluffy coats
Raised with care and socialization
Looking for loving forever homes
Message us for available puppies, pictures, pricing, and more information! Currently 2 Boys & 1 Girl Left!
They Just Turned 8 Weeks Old!
They Will Come Potty Trained & With Their First Round of Vaccinations!
Don't miss out on bringing one of these sweet St. Berdoodle babies home!
Price: $1,200

Washington Post newsletters
deliver more of what you're looking for.
Discover and subscribe for free at
washingtonpost.com/newsletters

S0114 2x4



Washington Post newsletters
deliver more of what you're looking for.
Discover and subscribe for free at
washingtonpost.com/newsletters

S0114 2x6

Manage your print subscription!
wapo.st/my-post

S0435_1x.75

WELL+ BEING

Tips and guidance on food, fitness and mental health.

washingtonpost.com/ wellbeing

S0437 1X5

Try new foods

Search our database of tested recipes by ingredient or name.

washingtonpost.com/recipes

The Washington Post

S0115-10x5.25

---

more
ARTS AND
ENTERTAINMENT?

Washington Post newsletters deliver more of what you're looking for.
Discover and subscribe for free at **washingtonpost.com/newsletters**

S0114 10x5.25

The Washington Post
FOOD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 EZ EE E

SCOTT SUCHMAN/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY LISA CHERKASKY

The Tomatini uses aged white balsamic vinegar to amplify the sweetness and acidity of summer's ripest tomatoes. It's a far cry from a Bloody Mary.

Don't call it a Bloody Mary

The bright, bold and refreshing Tomatini proves tomatoes are an underrated cocktail ingredient

Spirits

M. CARRIE ALLAN

The text from Dad filled me with glee: "Tomato time," accompanied by a picture of an intimidating pile of red fruits. Less than a week before, when we'd gone out to the garden for a vine check, most of the fruit was still green, but three days later, the tomatopocalypse had officially arrived. I salivated, thinking of coming tomato sandwiches, panzanella and gazpacho tanged with sherry vinegar.

What I didn't drool for? Bloody Marys, that staple of brunches — tomato juice (usually canned), vodka and spicy drop-ins like Worcestershire, horseradish and hot sauce. Around since the 1930s, they're still offered as a putative hangover cure. I'm not a believer — drink water, people! — but tomato juice does have some of the same nutrients replenished by every morning groaner's favorite, Pedialyte.

According to cocktail historian David Wondrich, writing in the "Oxford Companion to Spirits and Cocktails," American entertainer George Jessel (apparently once known as "The Toastmaster General of the United States") and French bartender Fernand Petiot (known as "The Frog" — a less woke era, one surmises) both claimed to have invented the Bloody Mary.

"Unfortunately, there is no contemporary evidence for either claim," Wondrich writes, "although Jessel was strongly associated with the vodka-tomato juice combination by 1939, and possibly as early as 1934, while the St. Regis had a vodka bar under Petiot's tutelage in 1936, and the drink, spices and all, was a documented specialty of the hotel since at least 1941. In the absence of further evidence, the evaluation of their claims must rest there."

SEE **SPIRITS** ON **E4**

RECIPE
Tomatini Cocktail **E4**

Cyclospora or not, we're better off without lettuce

Unearthed

TAMAR HASPEL

Explosive diarrhea is in the news.

Cyclospora, a parasite spread through human feces, is the culprit. And it probably arrived on your table via lettuce. We don't know all the details of the outbreak, the largest ever tracked in the United States, but "the odds are very high that the now-recalled Taylor Farms iceberg lettuce from Mexico is the source for many of the illnesses," says journalist Helena Bottemiller Evich, founder and editor in chief of Food Fix, a popular newsletter about food policy.

This isn't surprising. Leafy greens are responsible for more illnesses than any other food category, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A 2024 analysis found that lettuce was the source of something like 1.7 million cases of foodborne illnesses per year, and the economic cost was $3.7 billion. Lettuce and other vegetables that are generally eaten raw top the charts here primarily because most pathogens that make us sick don't survive cooking. It's certainly possible that your collard greens are contaminated, too, but once you braise them with a smoked ham hock and a little vinegar, you'll never know.

Aiding and abetting foodborne illness may be lettuce's biggest offense. But it doesn't have much else going for it, either, and there's a reasonably strong case that we would be better off without it.

As you probably surmised by now, I'm going to make that case.

SEE **UNEARTHED** ON **E5**

NOURISH

Bring this crimson salad to your next cookout for an eye-catching and flavorful side. **E2**

EATING LAB

Tea is tasty, comforting and brimming with more health benefits than you may realize. **E2**

MORE AT WASHINGTONPOST.COM

Stir-Fried Dumplings **Online**

Corn and Chorizo Tacos **Online**

Teriyaki Rib-Eye Steak **Online**

Chat Thursday, 11 a.m.: wapo.st/chats

At Supermodel Café, fare lacks flair

Diet culture reigns at Bethenny Frankel's Hamptons pop-up

BY ASHLEY FETTERS MALOY

EAST QUOGUE, N.Y. — There are few surprises more delectable for a culture writer than walking into a room full of people all dressed alike unintentionally. That's how you know you've found yourself among an insular tribe, that you've fallen through a portal to a world with its own lore, unspoken customs and idols.

Bethenny Frankel's Supermodel Café, a bagel and coffee pop-up tucked into a picturesque Southampton storefront, is exactly such a room. And 10 minutes after it opened to the public on Aug. 13, I am fighting for my life trying to order a Cookie Butter Latte as the entire pink-and-white space is swarmed by glamorous women and girls in the same color palette.

BEA OYSTER/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Molly Sims gets some pointers from entrepreneur and reality TV star Bethenny Frankel on opening day at Supermodel Café.

Dresses are lacy and ruffled; accessories are gold and raffia; cheeks are blushed and bronzed within an inch of their lives. The handbags are uniformly beige and brown leather, and every fingernail in the building is tastefully manicured in pink or white, even on the young girls. The line outside curls all the way around the block.

And what brings all these gals here today? What are they most dying to try?

"The chicken salad," Arden Supek, 22, tells me.

SEE **CAFE** ON **E6**

Beets bring color and substance to this Russian-inspired potato salad

Ellie Krieger

NOURISH

This time of year, the spotlight shines brightest on the most delicate summer produce — ripe, fragrant peaches, tomatoes with soft skins that barely contain their juices, and tender lettuces and herbs that last just a few days once you get them home. I'm as enamored with these delicacies as the next person, and I fully embrace their brief, peak-season window. But, for many reasons, I find it helpful to round out my summer menu with heartier fruits and vegetables as well.

For one, it's an efficient way to shop. Buying a variety of produce, including some that's more tender and some with a longer shelf life, ensures you have fresh ingredients on hand all week, with less waste from spoilage.

On top of that, there are plenty of August occasions that call for food that travels well or can sit out for an hour or so without wilting. Whether you're pulling together a picnic, contributing to a summer potluck or need a meal ready in the refrigerator for a quick lunch, this crimson salad meets the moment beautifully.

Inspired by a Russian beet salad called vinegret, it features several vegetable stalwarts — cooked beets and potatoes, plus celery and onion — yet it comes together in a way that feels bright and summery. Those vegetables are then enlivened with a pucker of chopped pickle and vinegar, and made fragrant with fresh dill.

Plated with wedges of hard-boiled egg, it's a stunning salad composed of pantry-friendly ingredients that hold up well in the refrigerator for several days.

Enjoy it now, as well as year-round, as a light meal with a hunk of whole-grain bread, a side with just about any protein, or as part of a larger spread.

Krieger is a registered dietitian nutritionist, cookbook author, and cooking show and podcast host. Learn more at *elliekrieger.com*.

SCOTT SUCHMAN/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY LISA CHERKASKY

Potato and Beet Salad With Pickles, Dill and Egg

4 servings (makes about 6 cups)

This crimson salad, inspired by a Russian beet salad called vinegret, features bites of sweet, earthy beets and hearty potatoes, and enlivened with diced pickles and a white vinegar and olive oil dressing. Plated with wedges of hard-boiled egg, it can be served as a light meal with a hunk of whole-grain bread, as a side with grilled or roasted protein, or as part of a larger spread.

Make ahead: The potatoes and beets need to be prepared and chilled at least 30 minutes and up to 3 days before making the salad. The eggs can be prepared and refrigerated, unpeeled, for up to 1 week in advance.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days.

Active time: 30 mins; **Total time:** 1 hour 40 mins

From cookbook author and registered dietitian nutritionist Ellie Krieger.

Ingredients

- 4 medium beets (about 1 pound total), scrubbed
- 4 medium waxy potatoes (about 1¼ pounds total), such as new red, scrubbed
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup diced dill pickles (3 small pickles; 5¼ ounces)
- ¾ cup diced celery, diced (2 ribs)
- ½ cup finely diced red onion (½ medium onion)
- ⅓ cup fresh dill sprigs, divided
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar, plus more as needed
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt, plus more as needed
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 small head Bibb lettuce, washed and cored, leaves separated

Steps

- Place the beets and potatoes in a 4-quart pot and cover with cold water by about 1 inch. Set the pot over high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover, so the water is simmering, and cook until the vegetables can be pierced with a skewer or paring knife but still offer a bit of resistance, about 20 minutes for potatoes and about 40 minutes for the beets. (The vegetables should be slightly underdone, since they will continue to cook as they cool.) Using a slotted spoon, transfer the potatoes to a bowl once they are done, then, once the beets are done, transfer them to the bowl with the potatoes. Refrigerate until completely cool, at least 30 minutes.
- While the vegetables are cooking, fill a small (1-to-2-quart) pot about halfway with water and bring to a boil. In a medium bowl, prepare an ice bath and set it near your workspace.
- Use a slotted spoon to gently add the eggs to the boiling water. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer the eggs for 10 minutes. Use the slotted spoon to transfer the eggs to the prepared ice bath and let cool completely, about 5 minutes. Transfer the eggs to a container and refrigerate until ready to use.
- Use your fingers or a paring knife to remove the skins from the beets, then cut the beets into ¾-inch dice, transferring them to a large bowl as you work. You can remove the potato skins the same way or leave them, depending on your preference. Dice the potato the same size as the beets and add them to the same bowl. Add the pickles, celery, onion, ¼ cup of the dill, the oil, vinegar, salt and pepper, and toss to combine. Taste, and season with more salt and pepper, as desired.
- Peel the eggs and cut each into four wedges. Arrange the lettuce leaves on a serving platter or divide among plates. Top with the salad, then garnish with the remaining dill sprigs and the egg wedges, and serve.

Substitutions

- New red potatoes >> other potatoes.
- Dill pickles >> other pickles.
- Vegan? >> Omit the eggs.
- Extra-virgin olive oil >> neutral oil, such as avocado or canola.
- Dill >> parsley.
- Red onion >> another type of onion.
- Bibb lettuce >> another type of tender leafy lettuce.
- White vinegar >> apple cider vinegar, white wine vinegar or champagne vinegar.

Nutrition | Per serving (1 ½ cups salad and 1 egg): 320 calories, 37g carbohydrates, 170mg cholesterol, 15g fat, 7g fiber, 11g protein, 3g saturated fat, 695mg sodium, 11g sugar

Recipe tested by Olga Massov; email questions to food@washpost.com

---

Whether it's green, black, herbal or oolong, tea is teeming with health benefits

Eating Lab

ANAHAD O'CONNOR

After water, tea is the world's most popular beverage, consumed by nearly two-thirds of people across the globe.

Because of this, scientists have spent decades carrying out hundreds of studies on tea's potential health benefits.

Scientists have found that the compounds in tea can protect your blood vessels, lower inflammation, aid relaxation and potentially boost your gut microbiome. In one analysis published in the journal Life Sciences, researchers described tea as "Nature's gift for promoting human health."

This is in large part because a typical cup of brewed tea contains many antioxidants, polyphenols and other beneficial plant compounds, much like coffee, cocoa, fruits and vegetables, said Jenifer Bowman, a cardiac dietitian at UCHealth in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Although green, black, white and oolong teas look very different, they all come from the same plant: *Camellia sinensis*. What determines their distinct flavors and appearance are how the tea leaves are aged and processed. Then there are herbal teas, such as chamomile, mint, hibiscus and ginger. These are made by brewing spices, herbs and flowers. Herbal teas have varying levels of polyphenols and typically do not contain caffeine.

Much of the research on the health benefits of tea has focused on black and green tea, which are the world's most widely consumed tea varieties. But scientists have found that herbal teas can boost your health in various ways as well.

Here's what else to know about the health benefits of drinking tea.

PHOTOS BY TYLER M. ANDREWS/THE WASHINGTON POST

A boost for longevity

One of the most consistent scientific findings about tea consumption is that tea drinkers tend to live slightly longer than people who do not drink tea.

In one large study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine in 2023, researchers compared tea drinkers to non-tea drinkers in the United Kingdom. The scientists tracked roughly a half million adults between the ages of 40 and 69 for more than a decade, looking at their diets, beverage consumption, lifestyle habits, and overall health and medical conditions.

About 90 percent of the tea drinkers in the study drank primarily black tea, while about 7 percent said they drank green tea. The researchers found that the tea drinkers were less likely to die during the study period compared with the non-tea drinkers. People who drank two to three cups daily seemed to benefit the most: They had a 13 percent reduction in mortality compared with people who rarely or never drank tea. The findings were essentially the same regardless of whether people also drank coffee.

Similar results have been seen across many large studies, including a rigorous meta-analysis involving roughly 2 million adults in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

The research showed only a correlation, not cause and effect. Although the scientists took factors like alcohol consumption, physical activity levels, smoking and body mass index into account, it's possible that other factors played a role.

A typical brewed cup of tea contains many antioxidants, polyphenols and other plant compounds, all of which can help you live longer, protect your blood vessels and boost gut health, among other benefits.

Cardiovascular benefits

Many studies have found that drinking tea protects and relaxes your blood vessels, which can boost your cardiovascular health.

In one study in the journal Circulation, scientists wanted to see how black tea would affect vascular health, so they recruited 66 adults with coronary artery disease and assigned them to drink roughly three cups of black tea every day for four weeks. In a separate phase of the trial, the participants were assigned to drink only water each day instead of tea.

The researchers found that drinking black tea improved vascular function, and that the improvements appeared to be driven by increased levels of polyphenols in the participants' blood.

Multiple clinical trials have also found that both black tea and green tea can slightly lower blood pressure when consumed on a daily basis for weeks or months at a time.

Improvements in metabolic health

Drinking tea isn't going to prevent Type 2 diabetes. But it may improve several aspects of your metabolic health. Small clinical trials have found that drinking black tea can help reduce blood sugar spikes after a meal.

Scientists have discovered that tea consumption also has beneficial effects on inflammation and the immune system.

In one clinical trial, scientists recruited people with Type 2 diabetes and assigned them to drink either three cups of black tea every day for three months or three cups of plain hot water. When people drank black tea, they had increases in a special type of immune cell that suppresses inflammation, known as regulatory T cells. Many of the participants also had reductions in their levels of C-reactive protein, a molecule that rises when your body has an infection, injury or is experiencing a lot of inflammation.

A boost for gut health

Black and green tea are rich sources of polyphenols. These plant compounds, which are found in many fruits and vegetables, act like fertilizer for your gut, stimulating the growth of beneficial bacteria, said Chris Damman, a microbiome expert and gastroenterologist at the digestive health center at the University of Washington Medical Center.

Studies have found, for example, that drinking black tea can increase the abundance of bacteria in your gut that produce short-chain fatty acids, which are special compounds that protect your colon, lower inflammation and stimulate the release of the appetite-suppressing hormone GLP-1.

Cognitive benefits

If you need to hunker down and get some work done, then a cup of tea or coffee will help you focus. That's because they both contain caffeine, which boosts your alertness and attention span. But for many people, tea may be the better option because it's less likely to wreck your sleep.

In one study, scientists recruited 30 healthy adults and looked at what happened when they instructed them to drink either four cups of coffee daily or four cups of black tea. The researchers found that both coffee and tea produced similar improvements in alertness and cognitive performance. But people experienced fewer sleep disruptions at night when they consumed tea on a daily basis compared with when they drank coffee.

Researchers have also found that drinking tea promotes relaxation. A scientific review published in 2017 looked at decades of research on the cognitive effects of drinking green tea and concluded that it reduces anxiety, and aids memory and attention.

Scientists think this is in part because black, white and green tea contain l-theanine, an amino acid that has been shown to help relieve stress and improve mood.

Do you have a question about healthy eating? Email *EatingLab@washpost.com* and we may answer your question in a future column.

FOOD

Food and dining editor: Matt Brooks • **Recipes editor:** Becky Krystal • **Photo editor:** Toni L. Sandys • **Food critic:** Elazar Sontag • **Staff writers:** Tim Carman, Emily Heil • **Copy editor:** Mike Cirelli • **Editorial aide:** Victoria Caruso | **Contact us:** food@washpost.com, 202-334-7575. The Washington Post, Food, 1301 K St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071

‘True’ cinnamon, the many ways to use chickpeas, black garlic recipes and more

Q&A

BECKY KRYSTAL

Each Thursday at 11 a.m., Post recipes editor Becky Krystal answers questions and provides practical cooking advice in a chat with readers at washingtonpost.com/community. *Here are edited excerpts. Recipes whose names are capitalized can be found at our Recipes landing page at* washingtonpost.com/recipes.

Q: What’s the best way to keep frozen pesto looking green instead of brownish? Do you add lemon juice before freezing? Also, do you ever add lemon juice to pesto to give it a little brightness? Finally, what’s the best way to reheat frozen pesto? I think my ex-wife used to add milk or cream to the pasta and pesto mixture when reheating.
A: Lemon juice can help some, so can blanching the basil first, as well as a thin layer of oil on top. (The oil is a barrier against air — oxidation is what causes the browning.) Honestly, though, I don’t worry that much about it. I make a spinach pesto, in our recipe for Spinach Pesto Pasta, that maybe stays a little brighter because of the greens. If you’re thinking far enough in advance, the pesto can defrost overnight in the fridge. I’m often not, though, so most of the time I am usually just briefly running warm water over the outside of the container to loosen the sides, then I dump the pesto into the hot pasta with a splash of pasta water. That usually does the trick.

Q: I have been using a bottle of McCormick ground Saigon cinnamon for baking. Fewer supermarkets are carrying McCormick so I just purchased a bottle of Simply Organic ground Ceylon cinnamon. Are they interchangeable? If not, how best to use the Ceylon? A related question: Is there a particular brand of bottled spices that you prefer?
A: I’m not sure you’re going to get universal agreement here, but we did a cinnamon taste test some years back, and there was no clear preference on Ceylon vs. Saigon. The results were all over the place. That being said, you can find opinions on the flavor variations and how to use them. Ceylon is often known as “true” cinnamon, as opposed to the other varieties (cassia) that come from different but related plants. What’s most important is that you buy something that you like the flavor of, regardless of type. Personally, Costco’s Kirkland Saigon has long been my go-to cinnamon, and the price is unbeatable. I’ve also had good experiences with Trader Joe’s. Burlap and Barrel, Penzeys and King Arthur Baking are also all good sources for spices.

Q: What can I do with canned chickpeas other than make hummus? (My supermarket has really good hummus.) I’ve made a fairly good and crunchy salad (with cucumber, red onion, and grape tomatoes), but I’m looking for other ideas, including in hot dishes. Add them to soups, maybe?
A: So many options I hardly know where to start. Soups, absolutely. Curries. Deli-style salads. There’s not much the chickpea can’t do. Here are a few examples to get you started, but if you look for chickpeas in our database, most of what you’ll find call for canned, as opposed to dried. Recipes to consider: Easy Chickpea Curry; Coronation Chickpea Salad; Avgolemono Chickpea Soup With Orzo and Dill; Buffalo Chickpea Nachos; Napa Wedge Salad With Chickpeas and Bacon; Chickpea and Farro Stew; Chickpea Tikka Masala.

DEB LINDSEY/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Ceylon is often known as “true” cinnamon, but you’ll find varying opinions on whether it actually tastes better. What’s more important is that you buy something with a flavor you like.

SCOTT SUCHMAN/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY MARIE OSTROSKY

REY LOPEZ/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY LISA CHERKASKY

If you need to use up some chickpeas, consider these Buffalo Chickpea Nachos, left, or Avgolemono Chickpea Soup With Orzo and Dill.

Q: Most baking recipes that call for creaming butter and sugar call for mixing the salt and flour in a separate bowl. Why not just add salt to the butter and sugar? It would get thoroughly mixed without having to clean a whisk and another bowl, assuming you add the flour to the butter/sugar on a scale.
A: You absolutely can do this, along with the baking powder/soda called for in a recipe.

Q: I am looking for a gluten-free pizza crust for a friend with some serious celiac problems. She would find it very helpful if I could give her some gluten-free pizza dough balls for her freezer. Do you have any suggestions? From what I’ve read, it looks as if you need to par-bake pizza dough before freezing. Do you have any recipes for delicious gluten-free dough?
A: We have a few recipes. You could try our All-Purpose Nearly Normal Gluten-Free Pizza or Gluten-Free Pizza Dough. They don’t include freezing instructions, but your instinct seems correct to me — you could freeze them after the first bake, which both of these include. You could also just freeze the dough balls, then let her defrost in the fridge overnight and take it from there.

Q: This may sound ignorant, but how can you tell if your herb is drying or rotting? I have some cuttings of basil on my windowsill that are looking shriveled, even though they are still sitting in water. Are the leaves safe to use, or will they make us sick?
A: I think if they don’t look obviously rotten — moldy, black, smelling weird, etc. — you’re probably okay.

Q: I didn’t get around to using the fresh corn I bought at the farmers market (sob!) and it’s now sitting in my refrigerator fairly dried up. Can I still do anything with it?
A: Incorporate it into a pureed soup? Bake the kernels into cornbread? Some recipes to try: Coconut Corn Soup With Chili Crisp; Corn Chowder With Barbecue Sauce Butter.

Q: I heard that baking soda can help preserve moistness and add crunch to the outside of meat. I tried it on wings in the air fryer, and they actually turned out damp on the outside (without in the past they were crisp) and had a weird taste. What’s with this advice? I tried it on ground meat a few years ago and also got an unpleasant flavor.
A: Aaron Hutcherson’s recipe for Air Fryer Old Bay Chicken Wings actually uses baking powder, just 1 teaspoon for 1 pound of wings. Here’s an excerpt with more info: “J. Kenji López-Alt, the always-hungry food scientist, has tips for that up his sleeve. In his investigation for Serious Eats, he discovered that a coating of baking powder and salt will raise the pH of the skin and promote the browning and crisping of the skin. We know that dried skin has a better chance of becoming crispy skin, and patting it down with towels is a good start, but that’s a lot of skin to get bone-dry. Instead, shower the chicken with salt and baking powder and leave it uncovered while the oven heats or, better yet, for an hour on your counter or in the fridge up to overnight. The salt will draw out moisture from the skin, season the meat and lock in its juiciness.” Now that’s a little different from baking soda, which some folks recommend to tenderize ground meat. Per America’s Test Kitchen: “Adding baking soda to ground meat can absolutely transform it. Not only does the soda make the protein more tender, it also helps it hold on to more moisture. That, plus the higher pH, means you can actually brown ground meat without it just flooding the pan with juices.” They say: “Into a pound of ground meat, incorporate ¼ to ½ teaspoon baking soda stirred into 1 tablespoon water. Let it sit for 5 minutes, then proceed with your recipe.”

Q: Last fall I put a few jars of apple pie filling in the freezer using the recipe of a trusted source. The results need a little perking up, despite having a little cinnamon and a smidgen of nutmeg. These will become little tartlets for adults with a marshmallow topping. How can I give it more zing?
A: You could certainly add more of those spices, or others; cloves and cardamom are options. Citrus zest is another possibility.

Q: My husband loves turkey, especially the drumsticks, and prefers it roasted fairly conventionally. I am constantly looking for something interesting to do with a 10-to-13-pound turkey. I use a kosher turkey so it is effectively brined. Any thoughts?
A: Sharing some more interestingly flavored roast turkeys and other preparations, too: Chile-Rubbed Roast Turkey; Herb-Slathered Turkey; Herb-Crusted Roast (Butterflied) Turkey; Tarragon-Butter Roasted Spatchcocked (Butterflied) Turkey.

Q: Are toaster ovens worth buying and a reasonable substitute for a regular oven? I am not a fan of kitchen gadgets. We are a two-person household. I am trying to figure out if it is more cost-effective electricity-wise to use a toaster oven for reheating food and cooking small portions of meat. Truthfully I would do better air-drying our clothes versus the dryer, right?
A: I don’t have the statistics in front of me, so I can’t tell you the energy usage of regular vs. toaster oven vs. air-drying clothes. I’ll stick to at least the culinary aspects. A toaster oven — especially larger air-fryer toaster ovens — can do a lot. And I think if you are only cooking for two, it very well could do a lot that a conventional oven would. Depending on the recipe, there may be some adjustments/scaling down needed. But does buying a whole new, potentially pricier, gadget still cost you less than just using the regular oven? I’m not sure. I bet there are calculators out there if you want to play around with the math.

Q: Asking for a little guidance with homemade chicken soup. I have made it in the past with less-than-fully-satisfying results. If I cook the chicken for about an hour, which I think most recipes recommend, then I think the soup is weak and underflavored; I also think many recipes agree because they supplement with premade broth or bouillon. (I don’t know, that feels like a cheat?) The last time I tried cooking it longer, but the broth came out quite gelatinous when cold, and it was somewhat unappealing. Any suggestions for a middle ground and a better chicken soup?
A: The gelatinous when cold element actually means you did it right! You’re presumably not eating it cold, but that’s from the collagen in the bones breaking down, and gives the soup a luxurious mouthfeel that plenty of people covet. I’m sharing a few recipes here. I don’t know if they’re that “middle ground” you want, though: Chicken Soup With Benefits; Restorative Chicken and Rice Soup; Alba’s Chicken Soup.

Q: I got so excited when I found black garlic at the store, but now it’s sitting seemingly forgotten in my refrigerator. Could I please have some vegetarian recipes that feature black garlic?
A: Some ideas: Creamy Vegetable Ramen; Sweet Potato Burgers.

Search “Chicken Soup With Benefits” or “Spinach Pesto Pasta” in our recipe archives

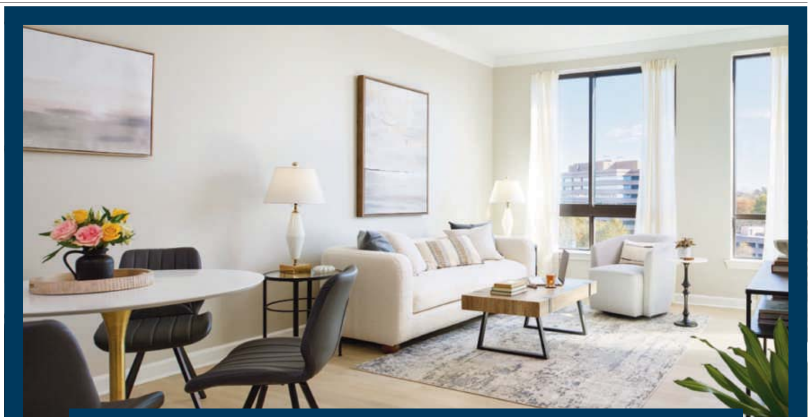
Find these dishes and discover more dinner inspiration in our archive of more than 10,000 Post-tested recipes.

Recipe questions? Email *food@washpost.com*.

Scan the QR code with your phone’s camera or visit *wapo.st/findrecipes*.

SCOTT SUCHMAN/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY LISA CHERKASKY; PROPS BY LIMONATA CREATIVE/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

This Tarragon-Butter Roasted Spatchcocked (Butterflied) Turkey is dry-brined, which leads to more seasoned meat and incredibly crisp skin, and spatchcocking it before roasting leads to more even cooking in a fraction of the time. In the compound butter, tarragon, lemon and garlic add tons of flavor.



Senior Living at The Grandview℠ Gives You MORE.

1. MORE for your money with predictable monthly spending.
2. MORE amenities, like a pool, fitness center, and restaurants.
3. MORE peace of mind with services to enhance your well-being.

See ALL the reasons to discover Bethesda’s premier community. Call 1-844-366-3267 for your free brochure.

The Grandview
BY ERICKSON SENIOR LIVING®
Bethesda
TheGrandviewSeniorLiving.com

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

2706450

Move over, Bloody Mary. The Tomatini is the superior tomato cocktail.

SPIRITS FROM **E1**

SCOTT SUCHMAN/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY LISA CHERKASKY

The Bloody Mary may be the original tomato cocktail, but I've never been a fan, even before social media turned the drink into a garnishmaxxing battle, decking them out with enough foodstuffs — pizza slices, chicken wings, cheeseburgers — to stock the accompanying brunch. The Bloody Mary has always seemed like alcoholic soup to me. When I want a drink, I want a drink, not an Andy Warhol.

But tomato is a wonderful cocktail ingredient, one that can shape-shift depending on how you treat it, sweet and fruity in one sip, rich with savory umami notes in another, tart and bright in yet another. It deserves a better drink as its envoy.

There are bottled options that make use of the fruit's appeal — Moletto Tomato Gin from Italy, a Japanese tomato liqueur called La Tomate, and G.E. Massenez makes a sun-dried-tomato liqueur. One real standout is a tomato vermouth from Veso, its rich umami notes making for a great dirty martini.

And bartenders are deploying all the tricks of the trade — clarification, infusion, fine straining to get the clear ambrosia of tomato water — so the fruit can have the platform it deserves. In D.C. alone recently, I've had a Tomato Negroni at Your Only Friend (a less bittersweet but recognizable Negroni with a deep tomato note); a Margherita Margarita at No Goodbyes (playing off the Neapolitan pie); and a Cosmic Dance Break at Death & Co (tomato gin with strawberry, a strong marriage, indeed).

I also recently returned from Tales of the Cocktail, the annual festival in New Orleans where bartenders, booze brands and cocktail enthusiasts gather for the latest in drinks. One of the seminars was Killer Tomato Cocktails, where Charlotte Voisey, the foundation's executive director, and a panel of experts, including D.C.'s Gina Chersevani of Buffalo & Bergen, presented a smorgasbord of elegant tomato cocktails. They included Chersevani's green tomato version of the Ramos Gin Fizz and the Tomatini, a not-actually-a-martini drink that's become the signature at La Petite Maison (LPM) since it was invented by Jimmy Barrat at the Dubai location in 2010.

Barna Jeremias, bar manager at LPM's Miami location, demonstrated how to make it, muddling fresh tomato with vodka, simple syrup, white balsamic vinegar and seasoning, including the bit of theater the restaurant uses to finish it off: a grind of fresh pepper from a four-foot-tall pepper mill. Jeremias said the restaurant in Miami serves about 600 a week — four times what the restaurant sells of its second most popular drink.

In an Instagram video posted by LPM, the group's beverage director, Tibor Krascsenics, says the drink took a while to catch on. "Many of the guests were unsure about a savory tomato-based cocktail. Many of them would compare it to a Bloody Mary, which is the complete opposite of the Tomatini."

"Creating a cocktail can happen in an afternoon; proving it deserves to become a modern classic can take decades," Barrat, the drink's creator, told me in an email. In the French Mediterranean, where he grew up, the tomato "isn't simply an ingredient — it's part of the culture. From the very beginning, I wanted to treat the tomato for what it truly is: a fruit."

Barrat started out making the drink with Bull's Heart tomatoes, an heirloom variety known for its sweet, rich flavor. Over time, the restaurant has shifted to using widely available Camparis. If you can't lay your hands on either, look for a tomato with a high sweetness and relatively low acidity but, Barrat says, the ripeness is most important. "A perfectly ripe tomato will always outperform an exceptional variety picked too early."

The success of the Tomatini, Voisey says, speaks to multiple trends across the industry: a shift in how tomatoes are used toward a lighter, aperitif format; the way cocktails from restaurant bars differ from those of traditional cocktail bars; the power of a signature drink; and how a drink from one place in the world can have a global influence.

"It's a bright, bold color. … It's clean, refreshing and crisp. It's not super spirit-forward, so it doesn't knock your palate to pieces before you're having a meal. It's just a nice approachable crowd-pleaser," she says. "Is the Tomatini closer to a Clover Club than to a Bloody Mary? I would argue maybe it is."

I appreciate the global trends, the modern techniques and all the cool cocktail glamour, but I love more how Barrat's connection to the drink is sweetly personal. Still based in Dubai, even now when he thinks about the drink: "I'm back in my grandfather's garden, walking between the tomato plants, carefully choosing the ripest ones. That's what the Tomatini represents to me: home away from home."

Now that's a drink worthy of the tomato. See you for next summer's garden glut, which I hope to harvest with my dad next year. Maybe the zucchini-tini will finally have its day.

Tomatini Cocktail

1 serving (makes 1 drink)

There are many variations of the Tomatini cocktail — technically not a martini despite what its name suggests — but this one has become the signature drink at La Petite Maison (LPM) restaurants since it was created by Jimmy Barrat at the Dubai location. The recipe uses aged white balsamic vinegar to amplify the sweetness and acidity of ripe tomatoes while adding subtle complexity. LPM prefers Campari tomatoes, but any ripe, flavorful variety with a similar balance of sweetness and acidity will produce an excellent cocktail.

Make ahead: The rich simple syrup needs to be prepared at least 30 minutes in advance of making the drink.

Storage: Refrigerate the rich simple syrup for up to 1 month.

Where to buy: Aged white balsamic vinegar can be found at specialty food stores, gourmet grocers, Italian markets and online. Flaky sea salt, such as Maldon, can be found at well-stocked supermarkets, specialty stores and online.

Active time: 10 mins; **Total time:** 45 mins, including cooling the syrup

Adapted from a recipe from Jimmy Barrat, former bartender at La Petite Maison (LPM) in Dubai.

Ingredients

For the rich simple syrup

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

For the drink

- 1 teaspoon plus a pinch flaky sea salt, such as Maldon, divided
- 1 teaspoon plus a pinch freshly ground black pepper, divided, plus more for garnish
- 3 teaspoons rich simple syrup, divided
- 1 cherry tomato, for garnish
- $3\frac{1}{2}$ ounces ripe tomato, preferably Campari, cut into chunks
- 2 teaspoons aged white balsamic vinegar (see Where to buy)
- $1\frac{2}{3}$ ounces vodka
- Ice

Steps

- Make the rich simple syrup: In a small saucepan, combine the sugar and water, then set over high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and stir until the sugar fully dissolves, about 30 seconds. Remove from the heat and let cool, about 30 minutes. You should have about 1 cup. Use right away or refrigerate until needed.
- Make the drink: In a small bowl, stir together the 1 teaspoon each of the salt and pepper until well combined. Into another small bowl, pour 2 teaspoons of the syrup.
- Make an incision about halfway through the cherry tomato, then dip it into the syrup in the bowl. Drag the syrupy part through the salt-and-pepper mixture, then prop it on the edge of a cocktail glass using the slit in the tomato. Transfer the garnished glass to the freezer to chill.
- In a cocktail shaker, muddle the Campari tomato until thoroughly broken down and juicy.
- Add the vodka, balsamic vinegar, the remaining 1 teaspoon of rich simple syrup, and a pinch each of salt and pepper. Fill the shaker with ice and shake vigorously until well chilled, about 15 seconds.
- Double-strain into the chilled martini glass, then grind a dusting of pepper over the surface of the drink and serve immediately.

Variations

- Barrat's original recipe calls for an equal amount of lemon juice in addition to white balsamic, making for a tarter drink. You can also cut the vodka to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces and add $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of dry, white or Veso's tomato vermouth, or substitute Seedlip Garden 108 or a spirit-free gin for a nonalcoholic version of the drink.

Nutrition | Per serving (1 cocktail): 37 calories, 9g carbohydrates, 0mg cholesterol, 0g fat, 0g fiber, 0g protein, 0g saturated fat, 290mg sodium, 9g sugar

Recipe tested by M. Carrie Allan; email questions to food@washpost.com

HOME GENIUS EXTERIORS®

A NEW ROOF BUILT TO LAST

STONE S.
Home Genius Exteriors Employee

Dedicated Project Team

Flexible Financing Options*

Premium Materials and **Certified Experts**

Industry-Leading Warranties

SCHEDULE YOUR **FREE, NO OBLIGATION** ROOF AND ATTIC INSPECTION.

866-839-4412

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

HOME GENIUS EXTERIORS

LIMITED TIME ONLY

EXPIRES September 30, 2026

50% OFF ALL MATERIALS & 0% APR & NO PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS*

BBB A+ Rating

* All financial opportunities are subject to credit approval; see the website for full details. homegeniusexteriors.com/terms-conditions.
MD #128753, DC #420219000039, VA #2705064026, DE #2021-000001960

HOMEGENIUSEXTERIORS.COM

ROOFING • SIDING • WINDOWS • DOORS • INSULATION • GUTTERS

When it comes to problems with lettuce, cyclospora is just the tip of the iceberg

UNEARTHED FROM **E1**

Let's start with nutrition. Americans eat about 14 grams of lettuce per day. The good news is, that's only a few calories. But it's not much else, either, mostly because lettuce is about 95 percent water.

Think about that for a second. Only 5 percent of your lettuce is what you think of as lettuce. Every time a head gets picked, trimmed, packed, stocked on a shelf or put in your grocery cart, only one-twentieth of that weight is actual food. Lettuce is just a vehicle for transferring refrigerated water from farm to table.

If you're thinking that all vegetables are mostly water, you're right! And some other salad vegetables aren't that much different from lettuce. Cucumbers, celery and radishes are right up there. (And if you're eating them for hydration, that stuff out of the tap is way less resource-intensive.) But look at broccoli, for example. It's 90 percent water, which doesn't sound all that different from 95 percent, but it means there's twice as much vegetable in that vegetable.

All that water doesn't leave much room for nutrition. Your daily 14 grams of lettuce has one-quarter of a gram of fiber, a bit of your daily potassium, and a few smidgens of other minerals and vitamins. The biggest win is probably 9 percent of vitamin A, something most Americans get plenty of in their meals. (I used nutrition numbers for romaine, and the Dietary Reference Intake values for women.)

This doesn't mean it's impossible for lettuce to provide a meaningful amount of some nutrients — you just have to eat a lot of it. While 14 grams is the average consumption, some people obviously eat much more. Even so, I'm going to go out on a limb and predict that if we stopped eating lettuce altogether, there would be no public health crisis. There might even be a benefit, because, if we're going to talk about nutrition, we have to talk about what goes along with your lettuce. Croutons? Deep-fried halloumi? Those dried crunchy noodle things?

When the name of the dish has "salad" in it, you're likely to consider it healthful no matter how much not-so-healthful stuff it has in it. If the lettuce gives you carte blanche to eat high-calorie, low-nutrient accoutrement, that has to factor into the math. (Of course, some salads have beans, tomatoes, beets, carrots, broccoli and other nutrient-dense components. In which case, just make the salad without the lettuce.)

And that's just the lettuce that gets eaten. The Agriculture Department estimates that we waste as much lettuce as we eat. Roughly, we eat 3 billion pounds and we toss 3 billion pounds every year.

So, on one side of the ledger we have 1.7 million annual cases of food poisoning, $3.7 billion and 3 billion pounds of rotting lettuce. On the other we have, basically, an excuse to kid yourself into eating blue cheese dressing.

But wait, there's more! Growing, storing and shipping lettuce is a greenhouse-gas-emitting enterprise. Although it's hard to pin it down with precision, CarbonCloud estimates that lettuce's carbon cost is 0.56 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent per kilogram of lettuce, a number that's right in line with Our World in Data's estimate of the "other vegetables" category. That means our 6 billion pounds of lettuce generate 3 billion pounds of carbon dioxide. That's 2.7 million metric tons, more than half a million cars' worth.

ED YOUNG/DESIGN PICS EDITORIAL/UNIVERSAL IMAGES GROUP/GETTY IMAGES

The Agriculture Department estimates that we waste as much lettuce as we eat, with roughly 3 billion pounds getting tossed every year.

The U.S. generates all that carbon dioxide by growing lettuce on 375,000 acres. (We also import lettuce.) That's an area bigger than Cape Cod, where I live (although I have to report that my efforts to grow lettuce there have been only moderately successful).

What can we do with 375,000 acres, besides grow a distinctly suboptimal food? Well, we could grow an optimal food! That would be a pound and a half of lentils for nearly every American adult who isn't on the carnivore diet. But, as the world's leading lentil evangelist, I know that's a tough sell. Besides, lentils don't thrive where lettuce farms do, so I have a better idea, especially considering that water use is a big issue in some lettuce-growing areas. How 'bout we use that land to generate electricity instead?

An acre of solar in a sunny place (and you grow lettuce in sunny places) can deliver something like 400 megawatt-hours per year. Since an average American home uses about 11 megawatt-hours per year, those 375,000 acres could power nearly 14 million homes.

Which would you rather have, a solar-powered home or explosive diarrhea?

Okay, okay, this isn't literally my plan, because there are some obvious stumbling blocks. Farmers may want to keep using that land for food. I have no idea how transmission would work. Getting permits would be an uphill battle. Besides, people like lettuce! I do, and there's often a lettuce-based salad on my table — partly because I like it, partly because I'm hoping it'll distract me from a second helping of the pasta with vodka cream sauce. In an overfed society, a food with few calories and a bit of bulk is a boon.

But if we're going to try to craft a better food supply — one conducive to limiting environmental impact and improving human health — we need to give lettuce a good, hard look.

Meantime, if you find yourself having second thoughts about your salad, I feel compelled to remind you that lentils are *right there.*

Feel the Comfort.
Keep the Heat Outside.

Your home should be your escape from the summer heat. Window Nation's energy-efficient replacement windows help keep your home cooler and more comfortable while helping reduce energy waste.

With more than **1,500 styles, colors, and design options**, it's easy to find the perfect windows for your home—and enjoy expert guidance, professional installation, and exceptional service every step of the way.

50% OFF ALL WINDOW STYLES
Offer valid until 8/31/26

WINDOW NATION

START YOUR PROJECT WITH CONFIDENCE!

MD: 301.329.5215 | VA: 703.543.9684 | WindowNation.com/Wash-Post

WN_Fix It_6x10.5

BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS

Limited time offer: Offer valid for all Window Nation window products purchased between 07/01/2026 and 08/31/2026. Receive 50% off the regular price on all styles of Window Nation windows. Discount applies to qualifying window products only. Qualifying Window Nation window purchases are eligible for $0 down payment, $0 monthly payments, and 0% interest during the 2-year promotional period. Does not include cost of installation, labor, or other materials. No online purchases permitted. One offer per home. Replacement purposes only. Not for commercial use. Only installed at purchaser's home. Not eligible for third-party transfer. No future credit, cash offers, or rebates permitted. Additional fees or costs (including installation fees) may apply if purchaser's residence is incompatible with products. Offer requires Window Nation's receipt of signed contract and deposit within offer dates. Must show this offer before purchase. All discounts valid at time of estimate only. Offers cannot be combined. Limit one offer per household. Not valid on prior sales. Offer valid for residences in eligible zip codes. Call 877-896-1837 or visit WindowNation.com to confirm availabwility in your area. Additional limits may apply. Void where prohibited. We may limit quantities sold to each customer and limited to as long as supplies last. License numbers: MD MHIC # 124358, VA # 2705178069, DC # 420212000037

PHOTOS BY BEA OYSTER/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The line outside Supermodel Café grows as staffers hand out candy, refreshments and light bites. The bagel and coffee pop-up, tucked into a picturesque Southampton storefront, was swarmed on opening day.

At Bethenny Frankel's Supermodel Café, depressing diet culture is on the menu

CAFE FROM **E1**

"The chicken salad," agrees Samantha Seeliger, 21, who left from Huntington, New York, with Supek at 5 a.m. to get here by 6.

"The chicken salad," Maddie Blaha and Gianna Donofrio, two 19-year-olds from Miller Place, New York, some 40 minutes away, say in unison as they wait in line outside.

"I want a healthy bagel, and I want to know her rendition of what a real good chicken salad should be," says Gianna's mom, Christine Donofrio, 48. "I'm not a reality TV girl, so that stuff did nothing for me. But I really grabbed onto her when she started with, like, the lighter alternatives and the whole diet thing."

For the uninitiated, Frankel, 55, is an original "Real Housewives of New York City" cast member and proprietress of the Skinnygirl brand of low-fat, low-cal treats, including her premade Skinnygirl Margarita and cocktails, which reportedly sold to Beam Global in 2011 for about $120 million. In recent years, Frankel has moved online, reviewing products on social media including clothes, makeup, hair products and yes, chicken salad. Fans love her unpretentious recommendations: "She'll still tell us to buy the $6 cream, or whatever it is, instead of the $600 cream," Donofrio explains, even though "she can afford it, and she's probably getting it for nothing because she's the one talking about it."

Frankel, who once owned a baking business, developed the Supermodel Café menu in partnership with the Hamptons chain Goldberg's Famous Bagels. Dressed fabulously in a strapless, tea-length pink lace mermaid dress, Frankel is on hand today to welcome guests and hand out gift bags to fans who've traveled from near and far to try her bagels made with cottage cheese and her Supermodel Snack sandwiches (turkey, tomato, sriracha spread).

To hear Frankel tell it, every aspect of the cafe is a response to her fans. "It came from them, all the things they wanted," she tells me, practically shouting over the din. The chicken salad, for example, has less mayonnaise than other store brands. Or as she puts it, "Better for you. Healthier. Less guilt." As she says this, she's already floating away from me on the arm of a handler. Camera people, looking deeply underdressed, follow her around with boom mics. Release forms are quietly handed out after every interaction.

The Supermodel Café, in 2026, feels like a throwback. Not just to the conspicuous-consumption reign of the Real Housewives but to the turn-of-the-millennium era when thin was in and being chubby was a moral failing. The cafe is a monument to diet culture, a remembrance of the high price we paid to be slim back before we could simply pay exorbitant sums for GLP-1s: Nothing tasted as good as skinny felt, so nothing tasted very good, period, and we stopped expecting it to. It was a time of high glam and glaring trade-offs.

Hayley Botte and Jonathan Bernard check out the menu, which includes bagels, chicken salad, iced lattes and a $43 sandwich consisting of cream cheese, a tomato and a plop of caviar.

"Nepo Baby? Nepo Baby?" says a voice behind me, and a woman in a white tee with a pink bikini printed on it sidles up next to me with a tray of halved bagel sandwiches. Ah, yes, the Nepo Baby, sold for $43: Frankel's sandwich consisting of a slop of cream cheese, a tomato and a plop of caviar on a weirdly crumbly bagel. (It's named for her daughter, Bryn, Frankel says: "An inside joke.")

"I'm just going to set my coffee next to my bag," one young woman says to another at the cash register, chewing through every vowel per Long Island tradition. Selfies are taken in the rose-festooned, basil- and mint-scented bathroom, and a smattering of micro-celebrities in attendance pose for photos with customers. Men exist only in liminal spaces here: Tall guys in blush-colored polo shirts guard the door and the merch stand, husbands and the occasional little boy wait outside in pink wicker egg chairs.

In line at the cash register, a mom greets makeup artist and beauty mogul Laura Geller: "I wear your stuff!" she gushes. After a warm exchange, Geller leaves and a young woman behind us leans in. "Who is that? Is that Martha Stewart?" Many of the young women who've made the pilgrimage here, I learn, have never seen "Real Housewives." Rather, they consider Frankel one of their favorite TikTok stars.

The highlights and lowlights

I should clarify here that I have also never watched the Housewives shows, nor any of the spinoffs they've spawned. But I've absorbed enough through cultural osmosis to know Frankel has built her brand on being thin and helping other women be thin, too; I've encountered Skinnygirl drink mixes at the occasional girls' night and once emergency-bought a pair of Skinnygirl shapewear shorts for an out-of-state funeral. (They were, to a degree that was a little unnerving at a funeral, powerfully effective.)

So when samples of the vaunted chicken salad make their way around the room on little spoons, I'm eager to find out what all the fuss is about. And as I chew, I know for sure: The *tastiness* of the food is not the main draw here. Bethenny's Famous Chicken Salad is a bland, gluey chicken pâté, light on the mayo and pretty much everything else. It takes some concentration to get the whole spoonful down. Then, with a heavy heart, I get back in line to try more of the menu, including a Pop Your Cherry, a toasted cherry bagel with cherry vanilla spread.

"And, uh, 'Make It Rich, Bitch,'" I say solemnly, signaling to the cashier that I'd like to add $10 worth of gold leaf to the sandwich. Ultimately, the shiny flakes are the only thing distinguishing this bagel concoction from the public-school cafeteria breakfasts of my youth, and our photographer informs me a few minutes later that the gold leaf is stuck in my teeth. (Representatives for Frankel notified The Post after publication that the Pop Your Cherry sandwich, cherry vanilla spread and caviar spread and dip were taken off the menu in response to customer feedback.)

The coffee drinks, it should be said, are excellent, with surprising flavors (ube cold foam! banana cream! pistachio!) served in swanky branded clear cans with aluminum peel-off lids. And Bethenny's Cheesecake, a "lighter take on the classic" that I suspect is mostly whipped yogurt, is pleasant. It's fluffy and airy and adequately cheesecake-flavored. But I didn't deprogram from a diet of vegetable broth, hard-boiled eggs and Oreo Thins 100 Calorie Packs after I moved out of my sorority house just to get sucked back into the "low-cal alternative" life all these years later. Being here, eating this grocery store-quality bagel reminds me of the core compromise of the early-2000s skinny-girl era this place harks back to: You had to eat some pretty depressing food to stay one.

Nobody walking out of the Supermodel Café, though, seems depressed. They're elated, their arms laden with pink foil tote bags full of Bethenny goodies as they pass by the unfortunate souls still waiting to get inside.

'Better for you. Healthier. Less guilt.'

When I arrive back home in the evening, I unpack my own big pink bag: Bethenny's Caviar Dip, Everything Bagel Dip, Cacio e Pepe Dip, Sweet Cream Spread, Chicken Salad and a couple of bagels. I lay the containers out on the counter and hand plates to an ad hoc panel of judges.

My husband, who sometimes whips up steak au poivre on a Tuesday and recently made us a leek hollandaise without glancing at a recipe, takes one bite of the Cacio e Pepe Dip and recoils. I've honestly never seen him react to food this way: He chugs water immediately and curses. "Ugh," he grimaces, momentarily incensed that I made him try it.

Our friend, meanwhile, a private chef who's always down to help me with a weird food experiment, tries each spread thoughtfully and surmises that the dips are mostly fat-free Greek yogurt with a few seasonings mixed in. (The Sweet Cream spread, we think, is blended cottage cheese.) He disappears into our fridge for a moment, then adds a few things to the chicken salad — among them salt and pepper, some of Frankel's Everything Bagel Dip, mustard, and some pickled jalapeños — and announces that now it's fixed.

These guys, I realize in awe, have probably never felt pressured to opt for a zero-sugar salad dressing or been offered a Skinnygirl margarita.

Afterward, I do two things: I apply a full set of long, French-tip press-on acrylic nails, and then I take myself out for two scoops of real, delicious, cane-sugar and full-fat ice cream.

caviar
cherry vanilla
supermodel
everything but the bagel
spread and dip

Former "Real Housewives of New York City" star Bethenny Frankel, center, inside her cafe with some merch. The cafe offers an assortment of packaged spreads and dips, left. For an extra $10, the bagels can be ordered "Make It Rich, Bitch" style (with gold leaf), above. *